

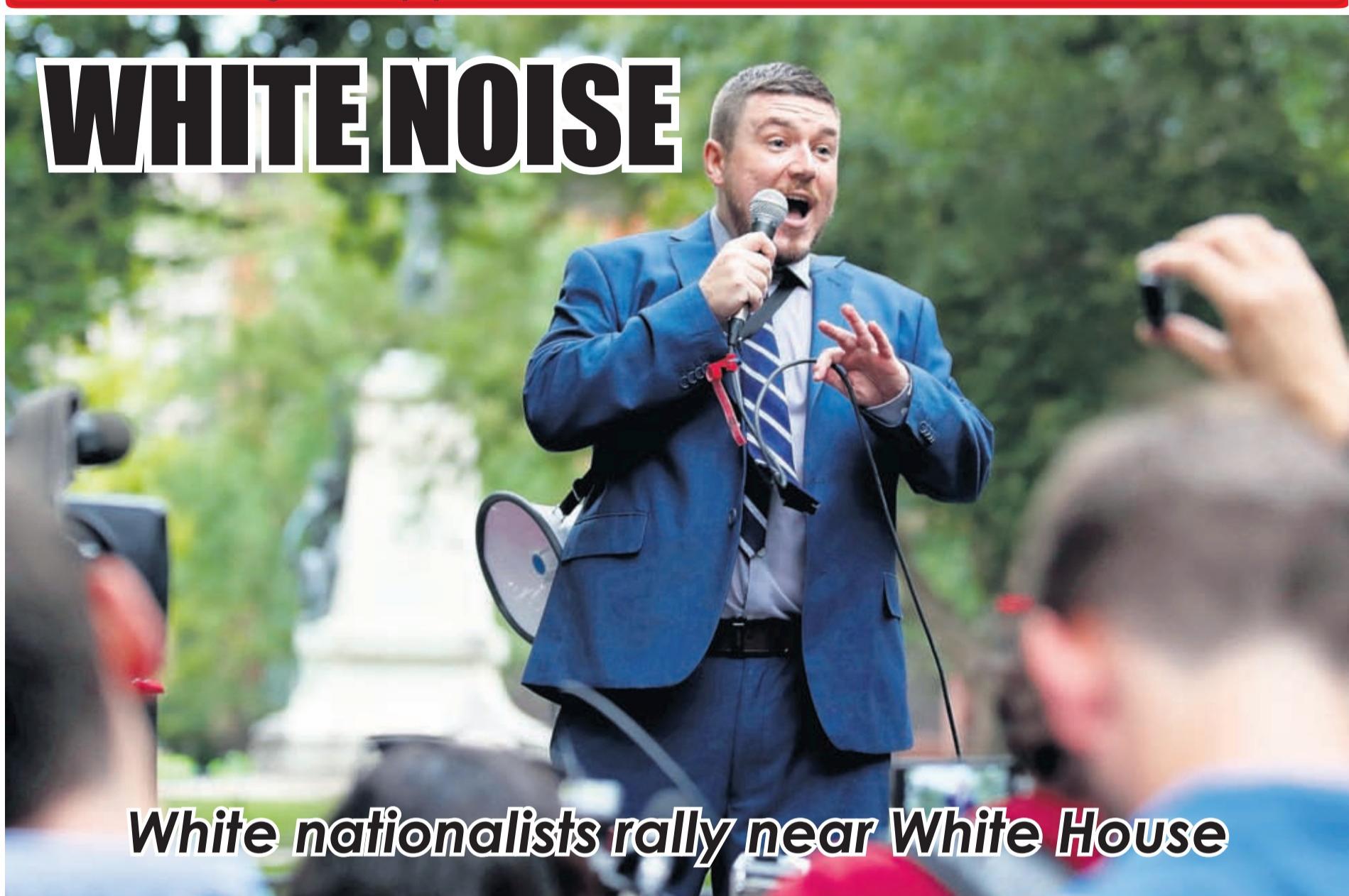
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# WHITE NOISE



## *White nationalists rally near White House*

White nationalist Jason Kessler speaks at a rally near the White House on the one year anniversary of the Charlottesville "Unite the Right" rally, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Washington.

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## Vigil, marches mark anniversary of deadly far-right protest

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)

— A year after a deadly gathering of far-right extremists in Charlottesville, Virginia, a few dozen white nationalists marched Sunday across from the White House, their numbers dwarfed by thousands of counterprotesters, while the mother of a woman killed at last summer's protest said the country continues to face unhealed racial wounds.

The events, largely peaceful though tense at times in Charlottesville and Washington, were part of a day of speeches, vigils and marches marking the anniversary of what was one of the largest gatherings of white nationalists and other far-right extremists in a decade. In Washington, dozens of police in bright yellow vests formed a tight cordon around the small group of white nationalists, separating them from shouting counterprotesters within view of the White House.

President Donald Trump wasn't at home — he has been at his golf club in New Jersey for more than a week on a working vacation. Jason Kessler, the principal organizer of last year's "Unite the Right" event, led what he called a white civil rights rally in Lafayette Square, directly across the street from the White House.

Kessler said in his permit application that he expected 100 to 400 people to participate, though the number appeared lower. Just before 4 p.m., a contingent of fewer than 30 white nationalists began marching through the streets.



Susan Bro, mother of Heather Heyer who was killed during last year's Unite the Right rally, embraces supporters after laying flowers at the spot her daughter was killed in Charlottesville, Va., Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

Counterprotesters who assembled ahead of the rally's scheduled start vastly outnumbered Kessler's crowd. By midafternoon, more than 1,000 people had already gathered in Freedom Plaza, also near the White House, to oppose Kessler's demonstration and also march to Lafayette Square.

Makia Green, who represents the Washington branch of Black Lives Matter, told Sunday's crowd: "We know from experience that ignoring white nationalism doesn't work."

By about 5 p.m., those in Kessler's group packed into white vans and left, escorted by police.

On Aug. 12, 2017, hundreds of neo-Nazis, skinheads and Ku Klux Klan members and other white nationalists descended on Charlottesville, in part to protest over the city's decision to remove a monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from a

park.

In Charlottesville Sunday, the mother of a woman killed when a car plowed into a crowd of counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally last summer said there's much healing to do a year after the violence.

Heather Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, laid flowers at a makeshift memorial at the site of the attack in downtown Charlottesville. With a crowd gathered around her, she thanked them for coming to remember her daughter but also acknowledged the dozens of others injured and the two state troopers killed when a helicopter crashed that day. "There's so much healing to do," Bro said. "We have a huge racial problem in our city and in our country. We have got to fix this or we'll be right back here in no time."

The city of Charlottesville said four people

expressed confidence the city can manage the events without violence; the mayor and police chief promised a massive security mobilization to keep protesters and counterprotesters apart.

Earlier in the day in Charlottesville, more than 200 people gathered in a park to protest racism and mark the anniversary. The group sang songs and listened to speakers, among them Courtney Commander, a friend of Heyer's who was with her when she was killed. "She is with me today, too," Commander said.

Last year in Charlottesville, fighting broke out between attendees and counterprotesters. Authorities eventually forced the crowd to disperse, but a car later barreled into the crowd of peaceful counterprotesters.

A state police helicopter later crashed, killing Lt. Jay Cullen and Trooper-Pilot Berke Bates.

Law enforcement officials faced blistering criticism in the aftermath of last year's rally for what was perceived as a passive response to the violence that unfolded. A review by a former U.S. attorney found a lack of coordination between state and city police and an operational plan that elevated officer safety over public safety.

The anniversary weekend was marked by a much heavier police presence, which also drew criticism from some activists.

At one point Sunday, demonstrators marched through Charlottesville, chanting, "Cops and Klan go hand in hand," and "Will you protect us?" □

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## Rain pouring, Trump rages on Twitter and hangs with bikers

By JILL COLVIN and JEFF HORWITZ

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BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) —

As rain dumped on his golf club, President Donald Trump raged on Saturday, lashing out at his Justice Department on Twitter before welcoming members of a "Bikers for Trump" fan group to the manicured grounds.

Dozens and dozens of gleaming Harleys, Hondas and other motorcycles descended on the central New Jersey property for what had been billed as an outdoor photo-op with Trump. But pouring rain and flash-flood warnings scrambled the plan, sending soggy bikers inside a crystal-chandeliered clubhouse ballroom, where Trump signed autographs and posed for selfies and his guests booed reporters. It was a classic, chaotic Trump scene reminiscent of his ramshackle early campaign. The president was continuing an extended working vacation away from Washington.

The day began on Twitter with a broadside against the FBI, which Trump accused of stonewalling a public records request for former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe's text messages.

"What are they hiding?" the president asked, threatening that he "may have to get involved" personally in internal FBI business and warning, "DO NOT DESTROY."

Trump appeared in a better mood when he greeted the bikers, who chanted "Four more years!" and "USA!" as he entered the ballroom.

Rain streamed down the windows and pools formed on the empty golf greens outside.

He quickly pointed out the soaking-wet media, which sparked jeers and calls to "tell the truth."

And he thanked the group, saying they'd been with him since the beginning and calling their motorcycles "the most beautiful bikes anyone's ever seen." He later walked into the crowd of supporters, shaking hands, posing for selfies and signing autographs.

Trump returned to the podium to poll those in the crowd on their views of the press, prompting more jeers. One joked that the press pool should be thrown out in the rain.

The president largely ignored reporters' shouted questions, except for one about former White House adviser and reality star Omarosa Manigault Newman and her new book, which includes scandalous — and often unsupported — accusations against Trump.

The president leaned over and cupped his hand around his mouth as if to whisper.

"Lowlife. She's a lowlife," Trump said.

He ignored a question about ongoing trade negotiations with Mexico,

which prompted some in the crowd to shout, "Build the wall!"

The White House had said about 180 bikers would be attending the event, including military veterans and members of law enforcement agencies, as well as members of the New Jersey chapter of Bikers for Trump, whose members frequently attended Trump's campaign rallies, sometimes facing off with anti-Trump protesters. □



President Donald Trump gives the thumbs-up to members of Bikers for Trump and supporters, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, outside the clubhouse of Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

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## Against all odds: Democrats pour money into longshot races

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Thara Narasimhan, who hosts an Hindu radio program in Houston, has already given \$1,200 to a Democrat running against Republican U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, who once drove around his solidly conservative Texas district with a "NEVER HILLARY" bumper sticker on his pickup. Her plans to donate even more bewilder friends.

"It's not the question of why I have to support a failing candidate," said Narasimhan, mingling at a fundraiser for Democrat Sri Kulkarni on a sweltering Texas summer night. "Unless you put some faith in it, you're not going to make it work."

The November midterms are on pace to shatter records for political spending. While more than \$1 billion raised so far nationally is helping finance battlegrounds that are poised to decide control of Congress, restless donors aren't stopping there — they're also putting cash into races and places they never have before to help underdog Democrats.

Examples include: a district home to the Dallas Cowboys' stadium and held by the GOP since 1983; the South Carolina district of outgoing U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford; and a reliably Republican Southern California district that President Donald Trump won by 15 points.

All are places where Democrats are outraising their Republicans opponents — a feat that while perhaps not changing the conventional wisdom about their chances, is succeeding in giving their campaigns unusual viability. In Texas, 15 Democratic challengers running in Republican-held



In this Sunday, July 29, 2018, photo, Thara Narasimhan, left, talks with Democrat for Congress candidate Sri Kulkarni during a fundraiser in Houston.

districts have so far raised at least \$100,000. In 2014, only one cracked six figures.

The average cost of winning a House seat is more than \$1 million. And in Texas, some candidates still lag substantially behind despite their early hauls in places where Republicans have been invincible. But driving donors' eagerness to open their wallets to longshot candidates, supporters say, is a mix of anti-Trump enthusiasm and optimism following upsets like Democrat Doug Jones' last year in a Senate race in Alabama. Campaigns, meanwhile, say donors are simply responding to finally having better candidates in historically lopsided districts that previously attracted only fringe contenders who made little effort to professionally fundraise or run

hard.

At a crowded house party in suburban Austin for Democrat MJ Hegar, Jana Reeves found a seat on a kitchen bench that was a long way from her own Hill Country home that isn't even in Hegar's congressional district. Hegar has raised more \$1.7 million in large part due to a polished six-minute campaign ad called "Doors" that got attention online and enticed donors like Reeves to give her a hand.

"Even though it's hopeless? You know why?" Reeves said of the giving to Hegar and other Democratic challengers. "Even though maybe my paltry money can't do much, I still want to support these people in the deep red districts, because the Democrats (at party headquarters) aren't going to do it."

In few places is the surge of money more evident than in Texas. At the top of the ticket, Rep. Beto O'Rourke

is outraising Republican Sen. Ted Cruz in a state where Democrats have not won a statewide race since 1994. Seven Democrats also outraised their GOP opponents between April and June in districts held by Republicans, bolstered by primary runoffs that forced campaigns to double down on fundraising.

Hegar is among the most successful. The military veteran is running against Republican Rep. John Carter, who was re-elected to an eighth term in 2016 by 20 points over a Democrat who only raised \$16,000 total. Now she has the attention of Trump's campaign team, which last month announced it would financially help Carter along

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with roughly 100 other Republican House and Senate candidates.

For her part, Hegar doesn't inveigh against Trump while passing the hat: She didn't even mention his name while speaking to a living room of about 50 supporters at the Austin fundraiser. She said afterward that she understands Trump was motivating some of the donors but she preferred to talk to them about other issues.

"They want to fight against racism. They want to fight against bullying and intimidation and things like that. And they're labeling those things with a person's name," Hegar said. "I think it's more effective to fight against those themes."

Near Fort Worth, Democrat Jana Lynne Sanchez has raked in more than \$358,000 and has campaigned through summer with more money than her heavily favored Republican opponent, Ronald Wright.

They're both running to replace GOP Rep. Joe Barton, who represented the district for more than 30 years but abandoned plans for re-election after a nude photo of him circulated online.

Sanchez bemoaned the "fish fries and pancake breakfasts" that candidates used in the past to raise money and spends six hours a day on the phone, competing with a half-dozen campaigns that she said are "sucking up most of the money" from big donors. On her list of ways to spend that money: hiring a campaign manager who has previous flipped a Republican district.

"People who say, 'Money doesn't vote,' have never run a campaign," Sanchez said. □

## Crews make progress battling Southern California wildfire

**LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. (AP)**

— Aided by slightly cooler temperatures, firefighters made steady progress Sunday in battling a wildfire that destroyed 16 structures as it raged through Southern California's Cleveland National Forest.

The Holy Fire was 41 percent contained Sunday afternoon after burning across 35.5 square miles (92 kilometers) of dry timber and brush, said Lynne Tolmachoff of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

"The weather out here in California seems to be cooling down today and over the next couple days, and that should hopefully help firefighters get even more containment," Tolmachoff said. "They should make better progress over the next couple of days." They'll need to, with temperatures, expected to again reach 100 degrees or more by the end of

the week. The Holy Fire — named for Holy Jim Canyon, where it began last Monday — is one of nearly 20 blazes burning across California as the state sees earlier, longer and more destructive wildfire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change and home construction deeper into forests.

With firefighters beginning to get a better handle on the blaze, they began to lift evacuation orders over the weekend for areas previously in its path, said Tolmachoff, who did not have exact numbers. More than 20,000 people were reportedly told to evacuate at one point.

Aircraft have made flight after flight, dumping water and bright pink retardant on the blaze to protect Lake Elsinore and other foothill communities near the flames.

The man accused of delib-

## Strongest-ever earthquake hits Alaska's North Slope region

**KAVIK RIVER CAMP, Alaska (AP)**

— Alaska's North Slope was hit Sunday by the most powerful earthquake ever recorded in the region, the state's seismologist said.

At 6:58 a.m. Sunday, the magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck an area 42 miles (67 kilometers) east of Kavik River Camp and 343 miles (551 kilometers) northeast of Fairbanks, the state's second-biggest city. The agency says the earthquake had a depth of about 6 miles (9.9 kilometers.)

State seismologist Mike West told the Anchorage Daily News that the quake was the biggest recorded in the North Slope by a sub-

stantial amount. "This is a very significant event that will take us some time to understand," he told the Daily News.

The previous most powerful quake in the North Slope was in 1995 at magnitude 5.2, West told the newspaper.

The jump from a 5.2 to Sunday's 6.4 is significant because earthquakes rapidly grow in strength as magnitude rises, he said.

"That's why at 6.4 this changes how we think about the region," West said. "It's a little early to say how, but it's safe to say this earthquake will cause a re-evaluation of the seismic potential of that area." □



Rick Kincaid reacts as his wife Melodie Kincaid, left, finds his childhood toy as they sift through the charred remains of their home burned in the Carr Fire, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, in Redding, Calif.

Associated Press

erately starting the fire appeared in court on Friday, but his arraignment was postponed.

Forrest Clark, 51, made several outbursts, claiming his life was being threatened and saying the arson charge against him was a

lie. A court commissioner ordered his bail to remain at \$1 million.

Elsewhere, the largest fire ever recorded in California — the Mendocino Complex — burning north of Sacramento destroyed more than 100 homes. □





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## Employees pose big potential danger to aviation, experts say

By RACHEL LA CORTE and  
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Associated Press

**OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)**—The theft of an empty plane by an airline worker who performed dangerous loops before crashing into a remote island in Puget Sound illustrated what aviation experts have long known: One of the biggest potential perils for commercial air travel is airline or airport employees causing mayhem. “The greatest threat we have to aviation is the insider threat,” said Erroll Southers, a former FBI agent and transportation security expert. “Here we have an employee who was vetted to the level to have access to the aircraft and had a skill set proficient enough to take off with that plane.” Video showed the Horizon Air Q400, a turboprop plane that seats 76 people, doing large loops and other dangerous maneuvers as the sun set on Puget Sound. The flight lasted about 75 minutes, and ended Friday night when he crashed into the small island after being chased by military jets. The two F-15C aircraft scrambled from Portland didn’t



This undated image posted to Richard Russell's YouTube channel shows Russell, an airline ground agent. Investigators are piecing together how Russell stole an empty commercial airplane, took off from Sea-Tac International Airport in Seattle, and crashed into a small island in the Puget Sound in Washington.

fire the plane, authorities said. The man could have caused mass destruction, Southers said.

“If he had the skill set to do

loops with a plane like this, he certainly had the capacity to fly it into a building and kill people on the ground,” he said.

A U.S. official briefed on the matter told The Associated Press the man was Richard Russell. The official wasn’t authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity. He is presumed to have died in the crash.

Officials said he was a 3 1/2-year Horizon employee and had clearance to be among aircraft, but that to their knowledge, he wasn’t a licensed pilot. He took the empty plane from a maintenance area.

Alaska Airlines said the suspect was a ground service agent employed by Horizon. Those employees di-

rect aircraft for takeoff and gate approach and de-ice planes, as well as handle baggage. It’s unclear how the 29-year-old Russell attained the skills to do loops in the aircraft, authorities said.

Gary Beck, CEO of Horizon Air, said it wasn’t clear how the man knew to start the engine, which requires a series of switches and levers. At a news conference, officials from Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air said they are working with authorities.

“Last night’s event is going to push us to learn what we can from this tragedy so that we can ensure this does not happen again at Alaska Air Group or at any other airline,” said Brad Tilden, CEO of Alaska Airlines.

The plane crashed on tiny

Ketron Island, southwest of Tacoma, Washington. Video showed fiery flames amid trees on the island, which is sparsely populated and only accessible by ferry. Investigators expect they will be able to recover both the cockpit voice recorder and the event data recorder from the plane.

Russell could be heard on audio recordings talking to air traffic controllers, who tried to persuade him to land the airplane.

“There is a runway just off to your right side in about a mile,” the controller says, referring to an airfield at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

“Oh man. Those guys will rough me up if I try and land there,” Russell responded, later adding “This is probably jail time for life, huh?”

Later Russell said: “I’ve got a lot of people that care about me. It’s going to disappoint them to hear that I did this ... Just a broken guy, got a few screws loose, I guess.”

Russell went by “Beebo” on social media, and on his Facebook page, which had limited public access. He said he was from Wasilla, Alaska, lived in Sumner, Washington, and was married in 2012.

In a humorous YouTube video he posted last year, he talked about his job and included videos and photos of his various travels.

“I lift a lot of bags. Like a lot of bags. So many bags,” he said. Russell’s family said in a statement that they are stunned and heartbroken. They referenced the recordings and said and that it’s clear Russell, who went by the nickname “Beebo,” didn’t intend to harm anyone and “he was right in saying that there are so many people who loved him.” □

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## Nebraska inmate seeks new evidence in decades-old slayings

By MARGERY A. BECK

Associated Press

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP) —** A man convicted of a 1988 double killing in western Nebraska is seeking to reopen the case by using new technology to identify fingerprints left at the crime scene, even as a new documentary series nearing completion calls into question his guilt.

Jeff Bopprie, who is serving two life sentences, has maintained for three decades that he was framed for the killings of Richard Valdez and his pregnant girlfriend, Sharon Condon, in a Scottsbluff home. The Nebraska judicial system has upheld his 1989 conviction numerous times.

But a renewed effort by Bopprie's lawyers — coupled with a documentary reminiscent of the popular 2015 Netflix series "Making a Murderer" that explored a Wisconsin case — promise to bring fresh attention to Bopprie's conviction.

Producer Douglas Thornton with Middle West Studios said work began nearly a decade ago on what was intended to be a 90-minute documentary. It has ballooned into a series of seven to nine episodes set to wrap up late this year. The piece is being licensed to a TV network, though Thornton wouldn't say which one.

The work was never intended to prove Bopprie's innocence, Thornton said, but it's clear he believes Bopprie has been wrongfully convicted.

"The evidence does not — and never will — line up to Jeff Bopprie," he said.

On Thursday, lawyers for Bopprie, 55, and the Nebraska attorney general's office made arguments for and against analyzing fingerprints found at the crime scene — that did not match Bopprie or the victims — using the new technology.

Latent fingerprint technology developed since Bopprie's 1989 trial can make matches from low-quality fingerprints or even a single finger. Previously, investiga-

tors typically needed quality prints from all 10 fingers to make a match.

The FBI has recently used the technology to identify human remains — some that had remained a mystery for more than three decades.

Lawyers in the Bopprie case hope to use the technology to show that another man — John Yellowboy, a cousin of Condon's who is serving a prison sentence in Colorado for unrelated crimes — had been in the house and is the likely killer. Backing this claim are defense affidavits from at least eight people who were associated with Bopprie, Yellowboy and the victims. They include the affidavit of a woman who said she hid under a bed in the home as the killings took place and that she believed Yellowboy was the killer. Another woman says Yellowboy confessed to her.

Yellowboy is in prison in Canon City, Colorado, for convictions of kidnapping, first-degree sexual assault and robbery.

Colorado prisons spokesman Mark Fairbairn said prison policy would not allow for Yellowboy to comment to a reporter. There is no attorney currently representing Yellowboy.

Bopprie's lawyers contend that the new fingerprint technology is akin to the advent of DNA technology.

A 2001 Nebraska law requires the state to test DNA evidence in cases where someone has already been convicted if it's likely to produce evidence that someone else committed the crime.

"Legally, constitutionally and ethically, the fingerprints should be analyzed," Bopprie's attorneys argue in court documents. "The real question in this regard is, why not? What harm is done by doing a routine check of the fingerprints, the same as is done in literally hundreds of thousands of daily occurrences when an individual is arrested?" Prosecutors argued in a

one-page brief that Nebraska law doesn't "create a postconviction remedy."

Iowa attorney Thomas Frichts, who joined Bopprie's defense team about a year ago, said the ultimate goal of the defense team is to exonerate Bopprie. He believes the evidence uncovered by attorneys and the documentary will prove Bopprie is innocent. Prosecutors remain unconvinced, noting that police found letters spelling out parts of Bopprie's name written in grease on the floor and on a door near where Valdez's body was found. Investigators said Valdez wrote Bopprie's name moments before dying. □



This photo provided by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services shows Jeff Bopprie, who is serving two consecutive life sentences for the fatal 1988 shootings of two people in western Nebraska.

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## Aid group: Ships not willing to save Mediterranean migrants

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

**ROME (AP)** — Migrants in distress at sea have told their rescuers that several ships passed them by without offering assistance, a European aid group said Sunday while seeking safe harbor for a rescue vessel with 141 migrants aboard. SOS Mediterranee in a statement said that due to the recent refusal of Italy and Malta to let rescue vessels carrying migrants dock, ships might be now unwilling to get involved fearing they will be stranded with migrants aboard and denied a port to disembark them. On Friday the group's chartered ship Aquarius, which it operates in partnership with Doctors Without Borders, rescued 141 people in waters off Libya. Of these, 25 were found adrift on a small wooden boat that had no motor and was believed to have been at sea for about 35 hours, the group said. The other 116 people, including 67 unaccompanied



The Open Arms Search and Rescue vessel arrives in Algeciras, Spain, Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

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nied minors, were rescued later that day, it said. Nearly three-quarters of those rescued originate from Somalia and Eritrea. Many migrants recounted how they were "held in inhumane conditions in Libya," where human traffickers are based, the aid

group aid. It added that Libya's rescue coordination authorities wouldn't provide the Aquarius with "a place of safety" and asked it to request safe harbor from another country's authorities. The Aquarius was sailing north in the Mediterranean

fore they were rescued by Aquarius." Aboard Aquarius is Doctors Without Borders project coordinator, Aloys Vimard, who elaborated. "It seems the very principle of rendering assistance to persons in distress at sea is now at stake. Ships might be unwilling to respond to those in distress due to the high risk of being stranded and denied a place of safety," the statement quoted Vimard as saying. SOS Mediterranee said many of those aboard were extremely weak and malnourished. Those rescued in recent years have said they receive scanty rations while kept in Libya to await the opportunity to leave on human smugglers' unseaworthy boats.

"What is of utmost importance is that the survivors are brought to a place of safety without delay, where their basic needs can be met and where they can be protected from abuse," the group quoted Nick Romaniuk, its search and rescue coordinator as saying. □

## Manchester police say 10 people injured in shooting

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — Ten people, including two children, were injured early Sunday morning when shots were fired after a Caribbean carnival in the northern English city of Manchester. Greater Manchester police said one man is in stable but serious condition at a local hospital with injuries to his legs. The other nine people are being treated

for pellet-type wounds suffered in the shooting, which was reported at about 2:30 a.m. Sunday. "Thankfully the injuries suffered do not appear to be as serious as first believed, and hopefully people will begin to leave hospital over the course of the day following treatment," Chief Superintendent Wasim Chaudhry said in a statement, urging anyone else who may be

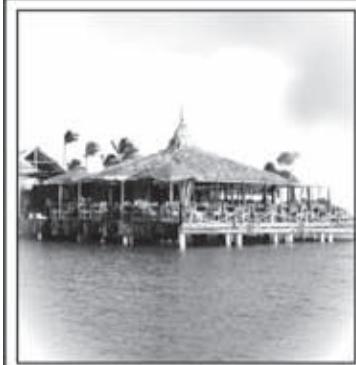
injured to seek treatment. "This was a reckless act that could have had devastating consequences with families and friends losing loved ones."

He later added the working hypothesis of authorities is that the pellets came from a shotgun discharge. "How many times it has been discharged isn't clear at this stage and forms part of our investigation," he said. □



Police officers at the scene in Claremont Road in Manchester after a shooting Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

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## 4 Jordanian troops, 3 suspected militants dead in clash

By OMAR AKOUR

Associated Press

**SALT, Jordan (AP)** — Jordanian search teams pulled the bodies of three suspected militants from the rubble of their hideout, a government official said Sunday, hours after assailants opened fire and set off explosions that killed four members of the security forces trying to storm the building.

The clash late Saturday was among the deadliest between suspected militants and Jordanian security forces in recent years. It raised new concerns about attempts by domestic and foreign militants to carry out attacks and destabilize the pro-Western kingdom.

Jordan has played a key role in an international military coalition that helped push back the extremist group Islamic State in neighboring Syria and Iraq. The chain of events in Jordan began Friday when assailants detonated a homemade bomb under a police car guarding a music festival in the predominantly Christian town of



**Jordanian forces secure the area Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, after the side of a building collapsed when assailants opened fire and set off explosions late Saturday that killed four members of the security forces in Salt, west of the capital of Amman.**

Fuheis, west of the capital, Amman. The blast killed a police officer.

King Abdullah II on Sunday denounced the "cowardly act of terrorism" and said Jordan would respond with "force and determination to eradicate terrorism and its criminal gangs."

The kingdom's security forces have cracked down on

suspected Islamic militants in recent years, but a series of fatal attacks, including on security installations, have highlighted Jordan's continued vulnerability.

Jordanian authorities did not say Sunday what motivated the Fuheis attackers, and there was no claim of responsibility.

Security forces chasing the

suspects in the Fuheis attack zeroed in on a multi-story building in the nearby town of Salt on Saturday and attempted to storm it. The suspects holed up inside opened fire and set off powerful explosions, officials said. A wing of the building collapsed.

In initial statements late Saturday, government spokes-

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woman Jumana Ghuneimat said three members of the security forces were killed. She said Sunday that a fourth officer had died and that the bodies of three suspects were pulled from the rubble. Five suspects are in custody.

The Hala Akhbar news website, linked to Jordan's military, said the suspects are Jordanians and that the cell had planned to attack security installations and other sensitive targets. The site said the suspects had been armed with explosives, grenades and other weapons.

In June 2016, a cross-border car bombing launched from Syria killed seven Jordanian border guards. In December 2016, a shootout at a crusader castle in the southern town of Karak left 14 people dead, including seven members of the security forces, four militants and three civilians. Jordan is considered an important security ally, particularly by the United States and Israel, which view any signs of unrest there with concern. □



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## Maliens vote in presidential runoff amid attacks, threats

By BABA AHMED

Associated Press

**BAMAKO, Mali (AP)** — Malians voted Sunday in a runoff presidential election to determine if incumbent Ibrahim Boubacar Keita will remain in office in this sprawling West African nation threatened by rising extremist violence. He faced off against opposition leader Soumaila Cisse. Sunday's polls had low turnout by closing amid attacks and threats of violence by Islamic extremists.

The chairman of Arkodia village in the north Niafunke commune in Timbuktu region was killed, four election workers were physically harassed and the polling station there was burned, according to the Citizen Observation Pool of Mali which had more than 2,000 observers. The organization reported several incidents Sunday.

Two polling stations were burned in Keltamba and election officials were harmed by gunmen in Ngouma commune in central Mali, observers said.

In north and central Mali more than 50 polling stations had closed before noon because of the threats by extremists in those regions, the organization said.

In the polling centers covered by its observers, the organization said the participation rate was about 8.1 percent. It said 14.4 percent participated in Timbuktu, and only 4.8 percent in Bamako.

However, their observers did not cover all voting areas, and the election commission hasn't yet given its estimate of voter turnout.



**Malian incumbent President, Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, waits to cast his ballot during the Presidential second round election in Bamako, Mali, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.**

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In the July 29 first-round presidential vote, extremists killed three election workers and destroyed some voting materials.

Nearly 43 percent of voters made it to the polls last month and at least 671 polling stations were closed. Despite the relatively low turnout officials called the vote well-conducted.

Mali has grown more insecure since Keita beat Cisse in a second round election in 2013.

Malian authorities arrested three jihadis on Friday who said they were preparing to carry out an attack during the vote in Bamako, said Mali army spokesman Col. Idrissa Traore on Sunday.

Extremists are staging more bold attacks that have spread to central Mali, where both Islamic State and al-Qaida-linked mili-

tants are present. Deadly communal clashes between ethnic groups and accusations of heavy-handed counterterror operations have caused even deeper tensions and mistrust of the state.

Still, a second term for Keita, 73, seems likely. He received 41.7 percent of the vote in the first round from a field of 24 candidates and has gained endorsements from some other candidates.

Dressed in his traditional white boubou, Keita voted near his home in Bamako on Sunday.

"I hope that everyone will be very vigilant," he said, saying that any suspected attempts at fraud should be reported to police. "Ultimately this election must end as it should, with the celebration of democracy ... This is what we hope for

in our hearts."

Cisse, 68, who placed second in the first round with nearly 18 percent of the vote, has blamed Keita for insecurity, violence and corruption. His opposition party also alleges there was voting fraud in July. Cisse has not received major endorsements from failed candidates but does have the backing of a popular spiritual leader Mohamed Ould Bouye Haidara.

"This time, I have a good feeling," Cisse has said.

His campaign director Tiebile Drame charged there were cases of stuffing of ballot boxes in several northern locations. However the constitutional court on Wednesday said it has registered more than 10 requests from the opposition over various anomalies in the first round, but most were declared inadmis-

sible.

On Saturday, the opposition organized a march "to warn against the fraud."

Issa Namory Keita, a 57-year-old retiree, said he would vote for the incumbent, Keita.

"Unlike his challenger, my candidate knows the country well and it is he who has the solution to the problems," he said.

Another voter who was unrelated but with the same family name, Fanta Keita, said she will also vote for the current president.

"He is a man who loves his country, he is a worker who has opened several development sites and I hope he continues his work," she said. Voter turnout trickled throughout the day and it expected to remain low. Some people have fled areas of violence until the vote is over.

In central Mali, attacks have become more frequent amid communal clashes as neighbors suspect one another of being recruited by extremist groups. Meanwhile, Malian soldiers in recent months have been accused of abuses, including extrajudicial killings, during counter-terror operations.

On Wednesday, armed men attacked the Boni prefecture, according to a Malian security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not permitted to speak to the press. The armed men killed the prefect's secretary.

Malian authorities have tried to reassure the public and encourage them to go to the polls for the second round. □



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## Congo's latest Ebola outbreak taking place in a war zone

By AL-HADJI KUDRA MALIRO

Associated Press

**BENI, Congo (AP)** — Highlighting the dangers in containing an Ebola outbreak in a war zone, suspected rebels killed seven people in northeastern Congo and sent residents fleeing, an official said.

Global health officials have warned that combating this virus outbreak is complicated by multiple armed groups in the mineral-rich region and a restless population that includes 1 million displaced people and scores of refugees leaving for nearby Uganda every week.

The insecurity means health workers might have to change a vaccination strategy that proved successful in Congo's previous Ebola outbreak, the World Health Organization's emergency preparedness chief Peter Salama said Saturday.

The "ring vaccination" approach of first vaccinating health workers, contacts of Ebola victims and their contacts might have to give way to the approach of vaccinating everyone in a certain geographic area such as a village or neighborhood. That would require a larger number of vaccine doses.

Vaccinations began Wednesday in the current outbreak, which was declared on Aug. 1 and has killed 11 people in the densely populated region. WHO has said more than 3,000 Ebola vaccine doses are available in Congo.



A police officer stand guards at a newly established Ebola response center in Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

While Congo's previous Ebola outbreak, declared over barely a week before the current one began, set off alarm by spreading to a city of more than 1 million on the other side of the country, the current outbreak comes with the threat of armed attack.

The Friday night assault that killed seven people in Mayi-Moya, about 40 kilometers (24 miles) from Beni city, was likely carried out by rebels with the Allied Democratic Forces, the administrator of Beni territory, Donat Kibwana, told The Associated Press.

The rebels have killed more than 1,500 people in and around Beni in less than two years.

The rebels sent the local population fleeing, Kibwana said. Beni residents al-

ready had been shaken by the discovery last week of 14 bodies of civilians who had been seized by suspected ADF rebels.

The latest attack occurred as the WHO director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, was visiting the area to see the response to the Ebola outbreak, which is being carried out in some cases under armed escort. "The active conflict in the area is a barrier to control

Ebola," Tedros said in a Twitter post Saturday night. "I call on all warring parties to provide secure access to all responders serving affected populations & saving lives."

United Nations peacekeepers, Congolese police and at times Congolese troops have been traveling with convoys of health workers as they fan out to contain the outbreak.

Hospitals are guarded by

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Congolese police and military police.

"This will be a highly complex operation because it is occurring in an area that has been embroiled in armed conflict for 20 years," said Hanna Leskinen, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross. "People are regularly moving as waves of violence force new communities to flee. This makes tracing infected cases much harder." Health care workers may be forced to flee as well, she said.

Parts of North Kivu province, where most of the Ebola cases have been reported, have been inaccessible to aid groups because of the fighting, Leskinen said.

"It is critical that the disease is contained before it spreads to areas where there is more active fighting or it will be incredibly challenging to reach those in need (and) ensure safe vaccination campaigns," she said. That includes keeping the vaccines at the optimal temperature of minus 70 degrees Celsius (minus 158 degrees Fahrenheit), a challenge in a region with hot temperatures and unreliable power supplies. □

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## Religion must obey Chinese law, paper says of mosque protest

By SAM McNEIL

YANAN WANG

Associated Press

**WEIZHOU, China (AP)** — A newspaper of the ruling Communist Party said Saturday that no religion is above the law in China, urging officials to stay firm while dealing with a rare protest over the planned demolition of a massive mosque in the northwest. The Global Times said that local officials in the town of Weizhou in Ningxia, a region that's home to many ethnic minority Hui Muslims, must act against what it described as an illegal expansion of a religious building.

Thousands of Hui people gathered at the towering Grand Mosque on Thursday and Friday to prevent authorities from demolishing the structure, residents contacted by The Associated Press said. It was a rare, public pushback to the party's efforts to rewrite how religions are practiced in the country.

"People are in a lot of pain," said Ma Sengming, a 72-year-old man who



Vehicles are parked outside the Grand Mosque in Weizhou in northwestern China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, early Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018.

was at the protest from Thursday morning until Friday afternoon. "Many people were crying. We can't understand why this is happening."

Ma said the group shouted "Protect faith in China!" and "Love the country,

love the faith!" The protest comes as faith groups that were largely tolerated in the past have seen their freedoms shrink as the government seeks to "Sinicize" religions by making the faithful prioritize allegiance to the officially atheist Communist Party. Islamic crescents and domes have been stripped from mosques, Christian churches have been shut down and Bibles seized, and Tibetan children have been moved from Buddhist temples to schools.

Such efforts were clearly behind the planned demolition of the mosque in Weizhou, where dozens of men, women and children milled about on the mosque steps, on plastic chairs and in the large dirt parking lot early Saturday before dawn prayers. Above them hung long banners from the second story of the mosque that read in Chinese: "Stick to directives of Sinicized religion."

The mosque, an imposing white building lit at night with gold, green and yellow, dwarfs the surrounding dim warren of brick and concrete homes. Its architecture of four minarets and nine domes tipped with crescent moons would

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be at home anywhere in the Islamic world, save for the large red and yellow Chinese flags fluttering from the ramparts and the wide central staircase. Authorities were clearly nervous about the unrest. Early Saturday morning, men in plainclothes, including one who identified himself as police, prevented AP reporters from conducting interviews at the mosque and chased them away.

Later Saturday, police stopped the reporters at a checkpoint in the direction of the mosque and detained them for more than an hour before ordering them to turn around, and tailing them with two cars to ensure they did not change course.

The residents of Weizhou were alarmed by news that the government was planning to demolish the mosque despite initially appearing to approve its construction, which was completed just last year.

The authorities now planned to take down eight out of the nine domes topping the mosque on the grounds that the structure was built larger than permitted, said Ma Zhiguo, a resident in his late 70s. But community members were standing their ground, he

added.

"How could we allow them to tear down a mosque that is still in good condition?" he said, adding that the mosque conducts prayers attended by about 30,000 Muslims and was built using believers' personal funds. Officials in the county and city propaganda offices said they were not aware of the situation. Other local authorities could not immediately be reached for comment.

"Demolishing the mosque is sure to earn the ire of local religious followers. However, if the local government does not react to the illegal act, it will fuel the idea that religions are superior over China's laws," the paper said.

In May, the county disciplinary inspection commission published a notice saying that Weizhou authorities had failed to properly inspect what it said was illegal expansion in the construction of the Grand Mosque. As a result of lax supervision, the notice said, four mosques in the county had received a total of 1.07 million yuan (\$156,148) in foreign donations. It did not specify whether the Grand Mosque was among the four.

Ma Sengming said protesters remained at the mosque through the night from Thursday to Friday and were twice visited by a local official who encouraged them to go home. Ma said the official did not make any specific promises, but tried to assure the protesters that the government would work with them on the matter.

More than 100 police officers surrounded the mosque, but did not attempt to stop the protest, according to Ma.

Public demonstrations are rare in China, where the government is often quick to quash any hint of dissent. Under President Xi Jinping, the Communist Party is cracking down on religious expression and attacking what it calls radical ideas among the country's more than 20 million Muslims. □

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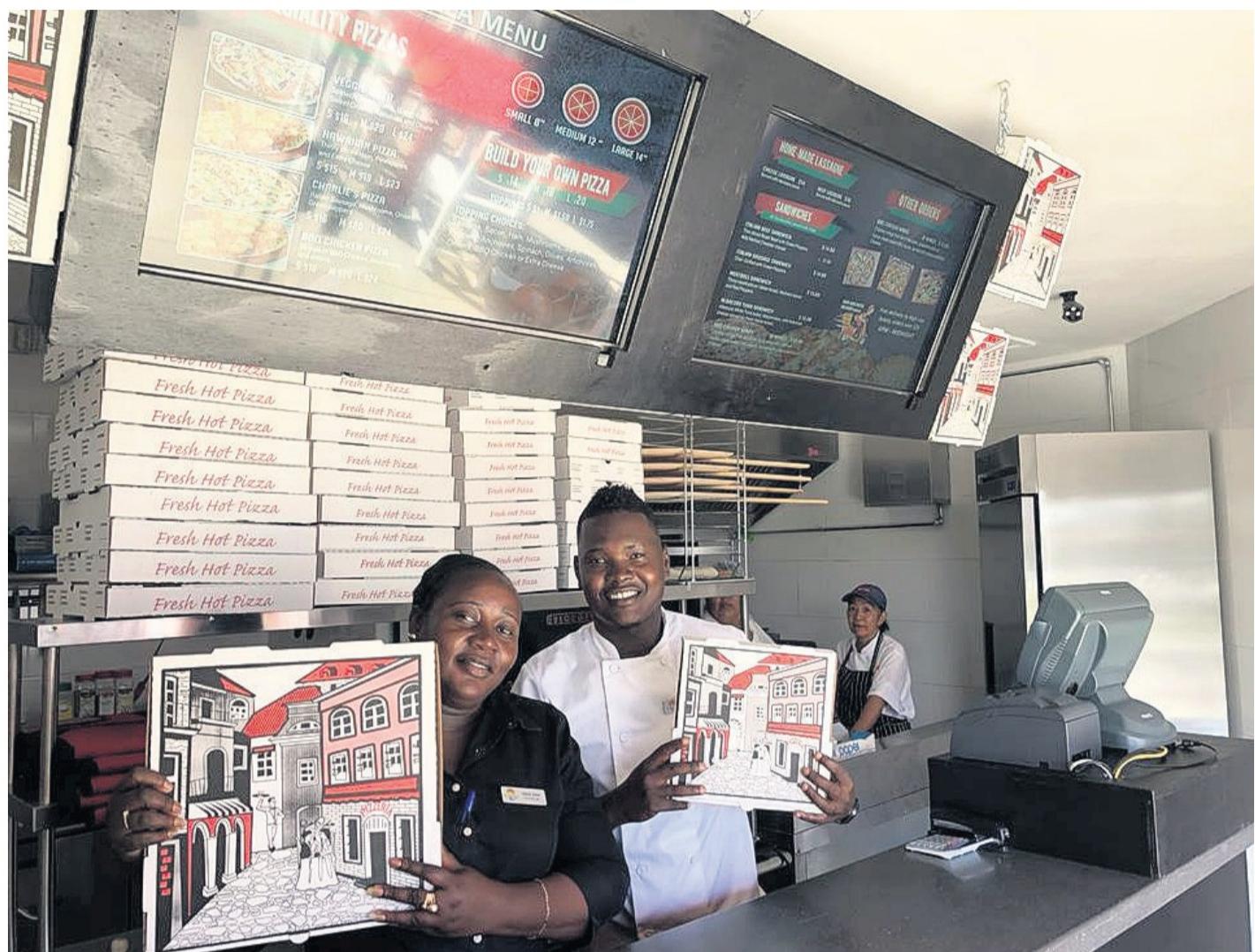
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## Peaking Pizza

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"It is not your regular fatty pizza that is oily and fat with a lot of dough. We needed something different and with the owners and ourselves having a tie to Chicago, we went back to Chicago and found this place called Bull's Pizza. There we ate a low fat, thin crust pizza and the beautiful part of it is that it is literally almost like cracker bread. It does not blow you up and is made with low-gluten dough." This is exact the pizza Tomato Charlies offers. "The flower itself makes the difference as it is an unbleached flower. What that does is that it cannot rise. Same with the yeast,



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When it comes to the menu we find a range of choices. The pizza comes 9, 12 or 14 inch. There are four signature pizzas with three or four toppings. "We choose not to overpower too many flavors, than it becomes just one big pot of soup and that would be too much. But, our toppings are extra-large toppings and therefore we offer square slices instead of the points, to prevent the toppings to drop." The red sauce Tomato Charlies uses has no sodium, again it does not blow you up and is much healthier. Another unique detail is that this place does not put your cheese under the sausage, but on top of it. "Why: taste and flavor stay locked in the melted cheese, the sausage just pops in your mouth. It fills the flavor between the red tomato base and the sausage, together

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Anthony Irausquin, Facility Manager of the hospital described Victor Raphaela as a very good employee, always happy. Whenever Real Madrid wins you can hear him whistle. He is a very brave and is a good example for all the young people working in the kitchen. He



likes to help wherever and whenever is needed. Victor Raphaela likes guiding the youth and is a role model for the entire department specially the young ones.

Werner Drent, Executive Chef was very excited that they choose Victor Raphaela as employee of the month because he is a person that they all depend on. Victor Raphaela walks around and listens to all details and does a lot for his co-workers which is very important for their department says Werner Drent. Whenever someone calls in sick or on vacation Victor is always ready to cooperate without being asked. The whole department congratulates him on becoming the employee of the year.

In 1954 Victor Raphaela started working in the kitchen at the hospital where he started as dishwasher. He took cooking classes for 1 year. He also took other

courses and he even got certified for working with all types of beef. Victor Raphaela is very happy to have been chosen as employee of the month and is very happy that they appreciate his day to day work. □



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# Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

## The bearer of bad news

Have you ever noticed that whenever you're in a hotel, most of the time whenever you ask staff a question, even if the answer is in the negative they do their utmost to avoid saying the word "no". It's actually one of the cardinal rules of hospitality; there are certain words that are not in the hospitality dictionary and the word "no" is second only to the words "I don't know". I've gotten so used to not saying those words that whenever we have a trainee or someone new and their first instinct is to answer with "no" or "I don't know", I get an almost full body cringe.

Eliminating such easily used words from ones vocabulary is a great way to challenge their creative thinking skills. You're essentially forcing the person to stop, think about what action is required from them or another department and then providing an answer to the question or request at hand. It's not an easy thing to learn either, I've caught myself various times with the first words out my own mouth being "no" before hastily backtracking once my brain catches up to my mouth.



One of the facets of my job or anyone in a position of authority within the company is; to at times be the bearer of bad news, because honestly whenever someone gets a no from a line employee they typically seek out the supervisor or manager to try and get a different answer. I believe that the guests don't always realize that if a line employee has said no, it's usually based on consultation with their supervisor or department head or based on specific knowledge of the hotels capacity at the time.

In my specific position in reservations, my assistant and I receive a lot of requests from guests about their assignments and from the time we get the request up until usually the very last minute, until we absolutely have to send in the finalized reservation lists we're working to see how we can accommodate them. I had to specifically request a whiteboard so I could draw out various scenarios in my head and keep things straight. My poor team have to sit and listen to me ramble on at times about room numbers and names and what ifs and to their credit they are great sounding boards and advice givers if I find myself stuck.

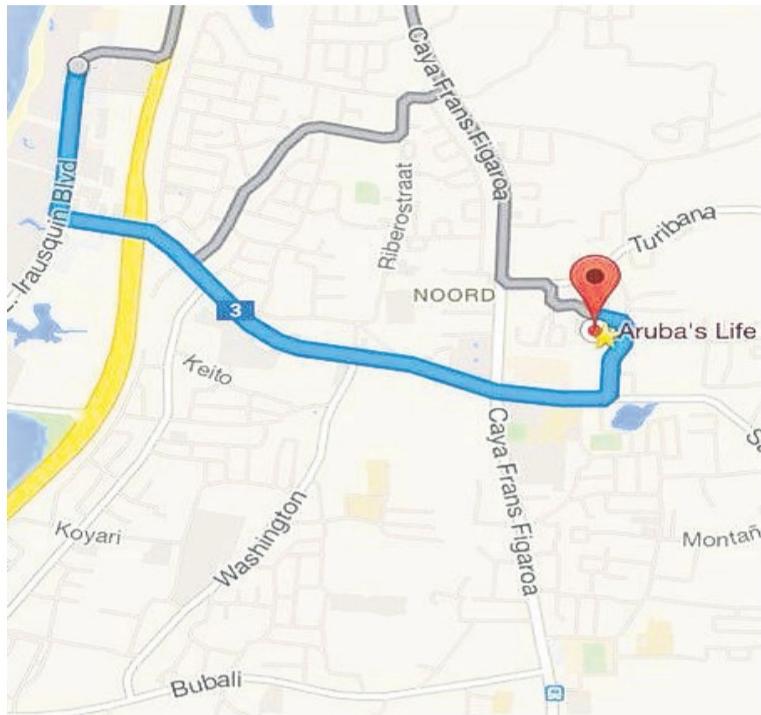
We love when we get to provide a guest with good news or if we found a way to accommodate their request even if it isn't exactly what they asked for, but close enough. On those days we usually get a hug or a compliment from someone who is overjoyed at the assistance and it makes us happy to be able to have helped someone. Other times though despite all the puzzles, the ramblings and the advice, we have to call someone up and let them know, sorry but we couldn't find a way to keep them in the same room or there are no ground floor rooms available or there are no upgrades available. The reactions to that news is a mixed mystery bag, ranging from understanding and a thanks for our efforts to at very rare times outrage and eventual acceptance.

We try our best on a daily basis to never have to be the bearers of bad news, but on the days where it can't be avoided, we know that we've done everything we could before having to say no.



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# SPORTS



Simona Halep, of Romania, hugs the trophy after defeating Sloane Stephens, of the United States, in the final of the Rogers Cup women's tennis tournament Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Montreal.

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## Simona Halep wins in Montreal, beating Sloane Stephens

**MONTREAL (AP)** — Top-ranked Simona Halep outlasted third-ranked Sloane Stephens 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-4 on Sunday to win her second Rogers Cup title.

The 26-year-old Romanian star also won the hard-court event that rotates between Toronto and Montreal in 2016 in Montreal.

In a rematch of Halep's French Open final victory, she overcame Stephens in the match that had 15 service breaks. Halep has won her last six meetings with the 25-year-old American. Stephens, preparing for her U.S. Open title defense, is 0-8 against No. 1-ranked players.

"I couldn't believe that it's over," Halep said. "I was really tired. I feel like these tournaments, at this level, you have to have one day off between the matches. It's really tough. It's brutal. This week it was really tough."

Halep won her third title of the year and 18th overall.

## CHAMPION, AGAIN



## Brooks Koepka wins PGA Championship at Bellerive

Brooks Koepka celebrates after making his birdie putt on the 15th hole during the final round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in St. Louis.

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# Carrasco K's 9 as Indians hold off White Sox 9-7

By SARAH TROTTO

Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Carlos Carrasco and Cleveland's deep lineup combined for a successful Sunday in Chicago. The bullpen almost gave it away.

Carrasco struck out nine in seven innings, and the Indians held off the White Sox for a 9-7 win.

AL Central-leading Cleveland had a 9-1 lead heading into the bottom of the eighth, and almost blew it. Run-scoring singles by Tim Anderson and Kevan Smith trimmed the Indians' lead to 9-5 in the ninth before manager Terry Francona replaced Dan Otero with Cody Allen.

Adam Engel greeted the closer with a two-run triple before Allen struck out Nicky Delmonico and Yonder Sanchez for his 23rd save in 26 chances.

"It was nice to see Cody come in and put it out because that would have been a rough plane ride getting on there," Francona said. Carrasco (14-6) allowed one run and three hits. He retired his final 16 batters. "For whatever reason, he doesn't have rust when he comes back," Francona said about Carrasco, who spent nearly three weeks on the disabled list for a right elbow contusion. "Now we can use it to our advantage because he has less innings than he normally would.

The tank looks like it's full and it's the middle of August." Melky Cabrera hit a three-run homer against one of his former teams, helping the Indians take two of three in the series. Jason Kipnis and Yandy Diaz, who was called up to replace injured slugger Edwin Encarnacion, had three hits apiece.

Engel finished with three hits and three RBIs, including a solo drive in the eighth. He added another outstanding catch to his resume, robbing Yonder Alonso of a potential three-run homer with a leaping grab in

center in the top half of the eighth. He made two similar plays against the New York Yankees in Chicago's previous series.

"The chances of there being three balls in one week that you get an opportunity to go up and bring back I feel like are slim," Engel said. "It's cool that it happened."

The Indians supported Carrasco with four runs in the first and two more in the second.

Alonso hit a two-out RBI single before Cabrera hit a drive to right for a 4-0 lead. Kipnis and Diaz hit RBI singles in the second against Dylan Covey (4-9).

"That's been good the whole year," Carrasco said about the offense.

The White Sox scored their lone run off Carrasco on Daniel Palka's groundout in the first. Carrasco has won six of his last eight starts. Covey allowed six runs and seven hits in just 2 2/3 innings. He is 1-8 with an 8.94 ERA in his last 10 starts. The Indians improved to 37-17 against the AL Central. The White Sox have lost five of six.

## ON THE MOVE

Encarnacion was placed on the 10-day disabled list. He has a right hand contusion and some swelling in his left biceps.

Diaz was promoted from the minors. The infielder hit .293 in 98 games at Triple-A Columbus.

## PATIENCE

White Sox manager Rick Renteria said Covey, who has a 6.06 ERA, will remain in the rotation.

"We need him to gain more experience in that starter's role, to give him a chance and develop that skill set," Renteria said.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

**Indians:** X-rays were negative for RHP Trevor Bauer (right ankle), who was sore after being struck by a line drive in his start Saturday. Francona said he doubts the soreness would cause Bauer to miss his next start. "He's got an extra day

anyway," Francona said. ... RHP Corey Kluber (illness) was feeling better after he was sent back to the hotel on Saturday, Francona said. Kluber is expected to make his scheduled start Tuesday in Cincinnati.

## UP NEXT

**Indians:** RHP Mike Clevinger (7-7, 3.38 ERA) is scheduled to face Reds RHP Homer Bailey (1-9, 6.19 ERA) on Monday in the opener of a three-game series.

**White Sox:** RHP Reynaldo Lopez (4-9, 4.30 ERA) is set to start the opener of a three-game series at Detroit on Monday. RHP Artie Lewicki (0-2, 4.76 ERA) pitches for the Tigers. □



Chicago White Sox's Adam Engel (15) makes a catch against the wall for an out on a ball hit by Cleveland Indians' Yonder Alonso during the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in Chicago.

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# Koepka holds off Woods to win PGA Championship

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Brooks Koepka is impossible to overlook now, winning the PGA Championship on Sunday with machine-like precision to go with his back-to-back U.S. Open titles.

And it still felt — and sounded — like he was playing second billing to Tiger Woods.

With roars for Woods unheard anywhere this side of Augusta National, Koepka kept his cool and ran off two birdies on the back nine at Bellerive with Adam Scott tied for the lead and Woods one shot behind.

Koepka closed with a 4-under 66 for a two-shot victory, making him only the fifth player to win the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in the same year.

"The crowds here, they let you know what's going on," Koepka said with a big grin. "The beginning of the back nine, I could hear all the roars. When Tiger started making his little run, and Scotty made his run, it got



Brooks Koepka poses with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at Bellerive Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, in St. Louis.

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loud."

Even with two bogeys, Woods shot 64 for his lowest final round in a major.

"I played hard," Woods said. "I made a bit of a run. It looks like I'm going to come up a little short."

Koepka was responsible for that.

After wasting one chance

to put it away, Koepka ran kept attacking flags and ran in birdie putts of 10 feet on No. 15 and 7 feet on No.

16 to end the drama. He tapped in for par on the final hole to set the PGA Championship scoring record at 264.

It also tied the major championship record that Henrik

Stenson set at Royal Troon two years ago in the British Open.

Koepka has won three of the last six majors he played, and two of three this year alone. He joined Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan and Gene Sarazen as the only players to win the two U.S. majors that rotate to different courses in the same year. Scott hung around by making big putts, just like he hoped, and was tied for the lead until Koepka's birdies. Scott missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-5 17th that would have pulled him to within one shot — right after Koepka missed from the same range — and then made bogey on the 18th for a 67 to finish alone in third.

The St. Louis fans waited 17 years to see Woods — he last was at Bellerive when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks canceled a World Golf Championship — and he delivered a performance that took golf back in time. Thomas Bjorn might have seen it coming. Earlier in the week, as he was cleaning out his locker after withdrawing with an injury, he thought back to Woods getting into contention at Carnoustie last month at the British Open. "He recognized who that guy was that day," Bjorn said.

Woods was relentless, pumping fists, raising the putter in his left hand, making birdies and charging toward a finish that caused pure pandemonium among one of the largest and noisiest crowds at a major.

Without hitting a fairway on the front nine, Woods cut the four-shot deficit to two. Dialed in on the back nine, he dropped an approach into 4 feet on No. 12, got within one shot with a 10-foot birdie on the par-3 13th and, after a bad drive led to bogey, he answered with another approach that hit a foot from the hole.

That was as good as it got. Facing the most important drive of the day on the par-

5 17th, Woods sent it sailing to the right and it embedded in a hazard along the banks of a creek. He did well to advance it, but had to save par from a bunker. Behind him, Koepka holed his two birdie putts.

Woods and Koepka played nine holes of a practice round on Wednesday, and the 14-time major champion knew what he was up against. "It's tough to beat when the guy hits it 340 down the middle," Woods said. "What he did at Shinnecock, just bombing it, and then he's doing the same thing here. ... And when a guy's doing that and hitting it straight, and as good a putter as he is, it's tough to beat."

Koepka never imagined a year like this. He missed four months at the start of the year when a partially torn tendon in his left wrist, causing him to sit out the Masters. He outlasted good friend Dustin Johnson at Shinnecock Hills to become the first back-to-back U.S. Open champion in 29 years.

And now this.

Koepka joked about working out in a public gym this week with Dustin Johnson and not being recognized. He has been motivated by more serious moments, from being left off the "no-table scores" section of TV coverage at tournaments and even last week, when he was not summoned for a TV interview to preview the PGA Championship.

He now is No. 2 in the world, with a shot at overtaking Johnson in two weeks when the FedEx Cup playoffs start.

Justin Thomas also had a chance to join Woods as the only back-to-back PGA champions in stroke play, and he was tied for the lead briefly on the front nine when Koepka missed fairways and made two straight bogeys. Thomas turned birdie into bogey at the turn with a three-putt from 5 feet, and he missed a short par putt on the 14th to fall back. He shot 68 and tied for sixth. □



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## Harvick wins at Michigan for NASCAR-high 7th victory of year

By LARRY LAGE  
AP Sports Writer

BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) —

Kevin Harvick capped off his father-son weekend by dominating a race and putting 6-year-old son Keelan in the passenger seat to hold the flapping, checkered flag out of the window. "That was definitely way up there on the bucket list," Harvick said. Harvick broke a tie atop NASCAR's Big 3 by easily winning at Michigan International Speedway for his Cup-high seventh victory of the season.

His No. 4 Ford finished 3-plus seconds ahead of Brad Keselowski's No. 2 Ford on Sunday in the Consumers Energy 400. Points leader Kyle Busch finished third in his No. 18 Toyota — more than 4 seconds behind Harvick. "I was front of him for about 5 laps," Busch joked. Busch has won six races this year and Martin Truex Jr. has finished in first four times. The rest of the field has combined to win just six of 23 races.

Truex Jr., the third driver in NASCAR's Big 3 with Harvick and Busch, was 14th in the 40-car field in his No. 78 Toyota. Keselowski said he couldn't be more aggressive late in the 200-lap race because Harvick was simply so far ahead.

Austin Dillon, in the No. 3 Chevrolet, was fourth followed by Ryan Blaney's No. 12 Ford.

Denny Hamlin led the field to the green flag for the second straight week, but his No. 11 Toyota could not stay ahead. He ended up



Kevin Harvick celebrates his victory after a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

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eighth at MIS after finishing 13th in last week's race at Watkins Glen.

### WHO'S HOT

Harvick won each of three stages and led 108 laps, more than four times more than anyone else on the 2-mile oval. His seven victories have helped Ford earn 10 Cup victories, matching its total from last year and pulling within one of Toyota's total.

### WHO'S NOT

Jimmie Johnson has not finished better than 10th in his last nine races and sits

14th in the standings. The seven-time Cup champion was running in the top 15 late in the race when a loose wheel led to an unscheduled pit stop and a 28th-place finish a week after he was 30th at Watkins Glen.

### ROUGH DAY

Truex was running with the leaders during the second stage before running out of gas and going into the pits, which were closed. He also was penalized for an uncontrollable tire and pushed to the back of the

40-car field.

Soon after a restart early in the race, rookie William Byron's No. 24 Chevrolet got loose and made side-by-side contact with Truex to bring out another caution flag.

"Anything that could have went wrong did," Truex said. "We got wrecked by a rookie mistake underneath us, and then ran out of gas. We could've won the second stage. We just didn't have enough gas. The car was fast. We just couldn't catch a break all

day."

### CLOSE KEZ

Keselowski, who is from suburban Detroit, is still desperately seeking his first win in Michigan. The Penske Racing driver finished second in a Cup race for the second time at MIS, where he also has a trio of third-place finishes in 19 career starts.

"The last three weeks we've had some big struggles," Keselowski said. "It's nice to be able to have a mostly clean race and get the finish we deserve. □

# Reunion time: 'Big 4' back together at Cincinnati

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer

**MASON, Ohio (AP)** — For the first time in more than a year, the "Big Four" is back together at the Western & Southern Open.

Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray highlight the men's bracket that begins Monday in a tournament that will help gauge how several prominent players are recovering from setbacks as the U.S. Open approaches.

Murray missed 11 months following hip surgery and tried to return for Wimbledon, but withdrew when he wasn't satisfied with his workouts. Cincinnati will be his fourth tournament in his comeback.

He reached the quarter-finals at Washington two weeks ago, his best result. Murray will play Lucas Pouille in the opening round on Monday afternoon.

One of the "Big Four" won the title at Cincinnati in 10 of the last 13 years, with Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov taking it in 2017. Dimitrov didn't drop a set and lost his serve only once while getting his first Masters title.

The second-ranked Federer has a record seven



Rafael Nadal, of Spain, celebrates after defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas, of Greece, in the final of the Rogers Cup men's tennis tournament in Toronto, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

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titles in Cincinnati, which is one of his favorite tournaments with its low-key setting. He and No. 1-ranked Nadal have been locked in a season-long, back-and-forth atop the rankings, exchanging the top spot six times in the last six months. Nadal is guaranteed to take the top ranking into the U.S. Open.

Nadal won his fifth title of

the year on Sunday in Toronto, beating Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-2, 7-6 (4).

While Federer has had great success in Cincinnati — winning 41 of his last 45 matches — Djokovic has never won a Western & Southern title — the only ATP Masters 1000 championship to elude him. He's reached the finals five times and lost every time,

acknowledging that the pressure has played a part. Djokovic is trying once again to become the first to win all nine ATP Masters events.

In the women's bracket, Serena Williams faces Daria Gavrilova on Monday night, her first match since she suffered the most lopsided defeat of her career. The 23-time Grand Slam

champion lost 6-1, 6-0 to Johanna Konta in San Jose, then withdrew from the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

Williams had a baby in September and developed blood clots. She was the runner-up at Wimbledon last month, her fourth tournament since she returned to the tour.

When she withdrew from the Rogers Cup, the 36-year-old Williams said she's been struggling with postpartum emotions.

"Not only was I accepting some tough personal stuff, but I just was in a funk," Williams said in an Instagram post.

"Mostly, I felt like I was not a good mom."

Top-ranked Simona Halep is fresh off another title. She beat Sloane Stephens 7-6 (6), 3-6, 6-4 for her third title this year — she also beat Stephens for the French Open title.

Stephens is preparing to defend her surprising U.S. Open title last year. She was the runner-up in the French Open, but lost in the opening round at Wimbledon for the second straight year. The loss to Halep on Sunday left her 0-8 against No. 1-ranked players. □

## Montreal

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"Both matches were crazy good," Halep said about the French and Rogers finals. "She makes me play better and better every time we meet each other. That's a great thing for me. I feel like she improved in her mental (side) also. She doesn't give up that much now. Of course, she's a strong player. I think she's a complex player. She has everything." A large Romanian contingent waving their red and yellow flags chanted Halep's name between points. However, there were just as many pulling for Stephens in a match of two players who don't over-

power with their serve but hammer groundstrokes down the lines. "I thought I played well, I thought she played well," Stephens said. "Obviously, in a final, you hope for matches like that — super competitive, high energy. There's nothing more than you could hope for in a final. It's obviously upsetting that I didn't win, but I think I got better than the last final we played. Yeah, it's disappointing, but I think this will help me moving forward, getting ready to go into (Cincinnati) and the U.S. Open." A back-and-forth opening set saw Halep jump to a 4-1 lead before Stephens found the range with her forehand and broke service



Winner Simona Halep, right, of Romania poses with second place Sloane Stephens of the United States following the final at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018 in Montreal.

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three times to take a 6-5 lead. The American then wasted two set points as Halep forced a tiebreaker. Stephens went up on two Halep double faults, but the Romanian stormed

back to take the set. It was the first set Stephens lost all week. Stephens added three more breaks to take the second set, but lost her serve to open the third. She broke back for 2-2, but

then suffered a letdown as Halep broke service twice more to take the lead. Stephens fought off three match points for one last service break before Halep closed it out. □



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## Ledecky to tackle all 4 distances in Tokyo \_ 200 to 1,500

By STEPHEN WADE

AP Sports Writer

**TOKYO** (AP) — They've added a new swimming event to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics — the 1,500 meter freestyle — and Katie Ledecky plans to be racing it.

This could pose a problem, even for the five-time Olympic champion and 14-time world champion.

She won the 200, 400, and 800 two years ago in Rio de Janeiro. Now add to that the 1,500. So is Ledecky planning to perhaps drop the 200, maybe her weakest race, and focus on the longer distances?

She lost the 200 a few days ago in the Pan Pacific Championships, her only blemish on a strong showing this week in the Japanese capital.

"I don't anticipate trying to drop any of them," she said Sunday after winning the 1,500 at the Pan Pacs on the final day of the four-day meet.

The meet serves as a dress rehearsal for the Olympics in two years and is the biggest meet of the year for swimmers from the Pacific region.

Certainly Ledecky won't drop the 1,500. Her time of 15 minutes, 38.97 seconds, was the 10th fastest in history. She now owns nine of the top 10 times in that event — and the world record.

"It's something that makes training really challenging and exciting for me to compete in the shorter races," she said. "So I have no plans of dropping anything. Plans could change, but I think I still have a lot in me."

As a trial for Tokyo, Ledecky is likely to swim all four next year in the world championships in South Korea.



Katie Ledecky of the U.S., checks her time after the women's 1500m freestyle timed final during the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Tokyo, Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

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"I think I'm very experienced swimming those events," she said. "I think I know how to manage my races and manage my energy."

The United States was overpowering in the pool at the Pan Pacs — especially on the final day. The meet wraps up Tuesday with the outdoor distance events. The Americans won 18 gold medals, ahead of Australia with eight and Japan with six. The Americans also led the overall medal table with 43.

China, the Pacific's other swim power, largely skipped the meet to focus

on the Asian Games, which open in a few days in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The meet was extra important for American Ryan Murphy. He took the 200 backstroke in 1:53.57, edging Japanese Ryosuke Irie in 1:55.12 and American Austin Katz in 1:56.00. Murphy also won the 100 backstroke earlier in the meet.

"It was nice to be in Tokyo, and I really wanted to have a good meet here," Murphy said. "You know, I'm a little superstitious. Hopefully this bodes well for me leading into 2020. Swimming well in a pool here, I think I can swim well in a pool

that's two blocks away." Murphy said he's worn the same socks to major meets for the past four years, and always eats a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a banana and Greek yogurt as his preferred snack before every meet.

"It works for me," he said. "It might not work for everyone, but I like it. I've talked to the nutritionist and he said it's OK."

Other American winners on Sunday included Kathleen Baker in the 200 backstroke, Zane Grothe in the 800 freestyle, Michael Andrew in the 50 freestyle, and Micah Sumrall in the

200 breaststroke. Cate Campbell of Australia completed her double, winning the 50 freestyle in 23.81. She won the 100 on Friday. The Australian has bounced back after a disappointing Olympics two years ago in Rio de Janeiro, a comeback she attributes partly to taking a year off from competitive swimming.

Ippei Watanabe of Japan, the world record-holder in the 200 breaststroke, delighted local fans with his win in that event. He clocked 2:07.75 to set a meet record. His world record is 2:06.67. □

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## 'Touch the sun': NASA spacecraft hurtles toward our star

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— Embarking on a mission that scientists have been dreaming of since the Sputnik era, a NASA spacecraft hurtled Sunday toward the sun on a quest to unlock some of its mysteries by getting closer than any object sent before.

If all goes well, the Parker Solar Probe will fly straight through the wispy edges of the sun's corona, or outer atmosphere, in November. In the years ahead, it will gradually get within 3.8 million miles (6 million kilometers) of the surface, its instruments protected from the extreme heat and radiation by a revolutionary new carbon heat shield and other high-tech wizardry. Altogether, the Parker probe will make 24 close approaches to our star during the seven-year, \$1.5 billion journey.

"Wow, here we go. We're in for some learning over the next several years," said Eugene Parker, the 91-year-old astrophysicist for whom the spacecraft is named. It was Parker who accurately theorized 60 years ago the existence of solar wind — the supersonic stream of charged particles blasting off the sun and coursing through space, sometimes wreaking havoc on electrical systems on Earth.

This is the first time NASA has named a spacecraft after a living person.

As Parker and thousands of others watched, a Delta IV Heavy rocket carried the probe aloft, thundering into the clear, star-studded sky on three pillars of fire that lit up the middle-of-the-night darkness.

NASA needed the mighty 23-story rocket, plus a third



Parker Solar Probe on a ULA Delta IV Heavy rocket lifts off from Launch Complex 37 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

stage, to get the Parker probe — the size of a small car and well under a ton — racing toward the sun, 93 million miles (150 million kilometers) from Earth. A Saturday morning launch attempt was foiled by last-minute technical trouble. But Sunday gave way to complete success.

It was the first rocket launch ever witnessed by Parker, a retired University of Chicago professor. He said it was like looking at photos of the Taj Mahal for years and then beholding the real thing in India.

"I really have to turn from biting my nails in getting it launched, to thinking about all the interesting things which I don't know yet and which will be made clear, I assume, over the next five or six or seven years," Park-

er said on NASA TV. Among the mysteries scientists hope to solve: Why is the corona hundreds of times hotter than the surface, which is 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit (5,500 degrees Celsius)? And why is the sun's atmosphere continually expanding and accelerating, as Parker theorized in 1958?

"The only way we can do that is to finally go up and touch the sun," said project scientist Nicola Fox of Johns Hopkins University. "We've looked at it. We've studied it from missions that are close in, even as close as the planet Mercury. But we have to go there."

A better understanding of the sun's life-giving and sometimes violent nature could also enable earthlings to better protect satel-

lites and astronauts in orbit, along with the power grids so vital to today's technology-dependent society, said Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA's science mission chief.

Parker, the probe, will start shattering records this fall. On its very first brush with the sun, it will come within 15.5 million miles (25 million kilometers), easily beating the current record of 27 million miles (43 million kilometers) set by NASA's Helios 2 spacecraft in 1976.

By the time Parker gets to its 22nd, 23rd and 24th orbits of the sun in 2024 and 2025, it will be even deeper into the corona and traveling at a record 430,000 mph (690,000 kilometers per hour). Nothing from planet Earth has ever gone that fast. Even Fox has difficulty comprehending the

Associated Press

mission's derring-do.

"To me, it's still mind-blowing," she said. "Even I still go, 'Really? We're doing that?'"

The 8-foot (2.4-meter) heat shield will serve as an umbrella that will shade the spacecraft's scientific instruments, with on-board sensors adjusting the protective cover as necessary so that nothing gets fried.

A mission to get up close and personal with our star has been on NASA's books since 1958. The trick was making the spacecraft compact and light enough to travel at incredible speeds and durable enough to withstand the punishing environment.

"We've had to wait so long for our technology to catch up with our dreams," Fox said. □

# Growing Spokane, Washington, sheds its sleepy city image

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS  
Associated Press

**SPOKANE, Wash. (AP)** — Ramsey and Amy Pruchnic lived in the Seattle area for five years before deciding they wanted to escape the Puget Sound rat race and move closer to family on the opposite side of the state.

Now they own their own businesses and live in a 1928 farmhouse on 10 rural acres they bought just south of Spokane, near the Idaho border, where they are raising three children and 18 chickens.

"The honeymoon phase of Seattle wore off," said Amy Pruchnic, 31, who just opened a specialty doughnut shop in a hip development downtown. "Why not work in a town like Spokane?"

The Pruchnics are among a wave of new residents in Washington's second-largest city, which is experiencing a growing population thanks to more jobs and an influx of people leaving larger West Coast cities.

They include young families like the Pruchnics — many in search of cheaper housing, easier commutes, good schools and a work-life balance — and retirees with disposable income.

"We are getting both ends of the spectrum," said Todd Mielke, chief executive of Greater Spokane Incorporated, the region's chamber of commerce. The trend is also visible in other midsize western cities like Boise, Idaho, as people



In this photo taken June 4, 2018, a construction crane looms over downtown and the Monroe Street Bridge in Spokane, Wash.

flee soaring housing costs up and down the West Coast.

Spokane has long been known as a sleepy place with slow growth that chugged along in the shadow of much larger and richer Seattle, 280 miles (450 kilometers) west. But the country's economic recovery has finally trickled down to the city of nearly 220,000.

Spokane doesn't have a dominant employer like Boeing or Microsoft. But it does have a lot of smaller companies, plus a growing number of good-paying jobs in government, higher education and medicine. Fairchild Air Force Base remains the region's largest single employer. It's good news for a city that suffered during the Great Recession.

"We've exceeded the job level at the peak of the last expansion," said Grant Forsyth, chief economist for Avista Corp., the region's electric and gas utility. "We have recovered all of the lost jobs and then some."

Numbers tell the story. The Spokane Metropolitan Statistical Area, consisting of Spokane and adjacent Stevens and Pend Oreille counties, had 232,500 jobs in 2007, just before the recession. In March the area reported 244,700 jobs.

A big mystery project proposed near the Spokane International Airport was recently revealed to be an Amazon fulfillment center. The building will be more than 2.5 million square feet (232,300 square meters), have more than 1,500 full-time employees and cost \$181 million. Construction has already started.

"Amazon will be one of the largest businesses in the Spokane region," Mielke said, and it might lure others.

Meanwhile, the Spokane metro area's population grew from 470,000 in 2000

to 556,000 in 2016. Throw in the 150,000 residents of adjacent Kootenai County, Idaho, and the combined statistical area has 710,000 residents.

The rising population has jolted the housing market. The median sale price of a home in Spokane County was \$240,000 in May, up \$32,000 from May 2017, the Spokane Association of Realtors said. Demand for homes outstrips supply. Still, Realtor.com recently named Spokane first among "10 Affordable Midsize Cities."

Spokane is surrounded by large lakes, five ski areas, mountains and rivers, and outdoor recreation has always been a draw. It also has a lively nightlife and literary scene and lots of new upscale dining choices.

National Geographic Traveler magazine recently named Spokane one of 29 "Cities on the Rise," noting the region is "hipster friendly" and "caffinated." Spokane has shown up on numerous other rankings of cool cities in recent years. That has local newspaper

## Average US price of gas rises 2 cents per gallon to \$2.93

Associated Press  
**CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)** — The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline has risen 2 cents a gallon over the past two weeks, to \$2.93.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey says that's 53 cents a gallon higher than at this time last year.

Lundberg said Sunday it appears unlikely prices will continue to rise in the

weeks ahead, however, and could actually drop slightly. She says that's because refiners have increased capacity and current demand is weak.

The highest average price in the contiguous 48 states is \$3.69 in the San Francisco Bay area.

The lowest average is \$2.53 in Jackson, Mississippi.

The average price of diesel rose one cent over the past two weeks, to \$3.81. □

columnist Shawn Vestal thinking it might be time for locals to retire the whole "Spokane doesn't suck" attitude when talking to outsiders.

"There's no reason to go around insisting that something doesn't suck when it truly doesn't suck," Vestal, also an award-winning fiction writer, opined.

Mielke said Spokane's secret weapon might be higher education. The area is home to Eastern Washington, Gonzaga and Whitworth universities, plus a large branch campus of Washington State University that includes one of the nation's newest medical schools. There are also two large community colleges.

Enrollment is growing rapidly. About 40,000 college students live in the immediate Spokane region, and more than 70,000 within a 100-mile (160-kilometer) radius, Mielke said, providing an educated workforce. People in bigger cities are noticing.

The Seattle Times reported that in recent years more than 2,000 people per year move from King County to Spokane County. That's more than move to Phoenix or Portland, Oregon, the newspaper reported. For the Pruchnics — trying to juggle jobs and children in the booming and crowded Seattle area — the move was a no-brainer. □

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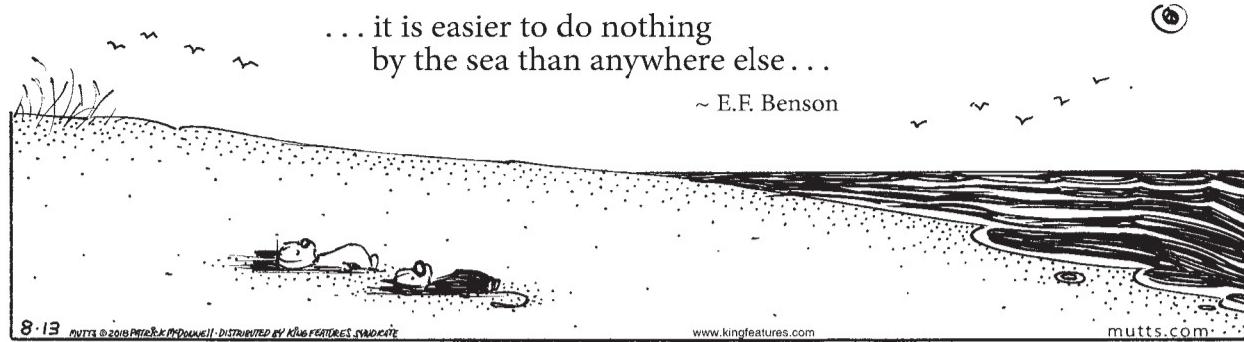
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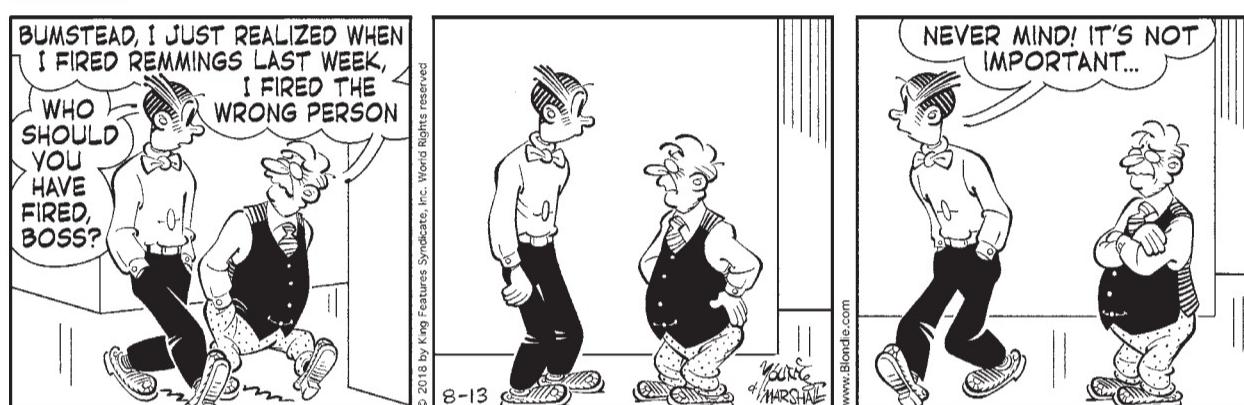
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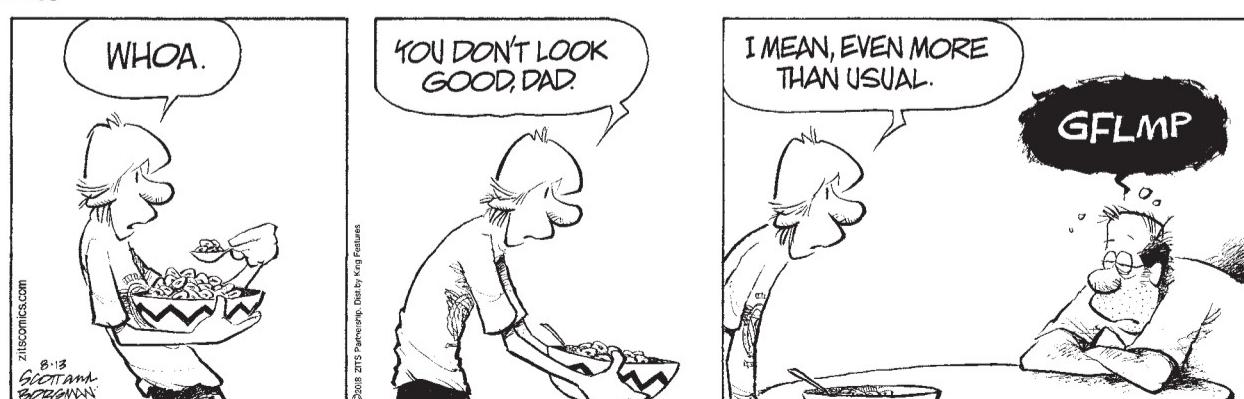
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An Andean flamingo swaddles a surrogate Chilean flamingo chick, supplanted to replace its own infertile egg, in Slimbridge, England, in this undated photo.

Associated Press

## Heat wave put flamingos in the mood for 1st time in 15 years

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — A British conservation charity says record-breaking temperatures have encouraged a rare flock of Andean flamingos to lay eggs for the first time since 2003.

The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust says six of the exotic birds laid nine eggs, all of which were infertile. The charity's reserve in Gloucestershire in southwest England then gave the Andean flamingos eggs from near-relatives, Chilean flamingos, to look after.

Mark Roberts, the aviculture manager at the Slimbridge reserve, says "with the Andeans in full parenting mode, we gave them Chilean chicks to bring up

as their own. It's great motivation and enriching for the birds."

The Andeans are some of the oldest animals at the trust's Slimbridge reserve. Some arrived in the 1960s as adults. The birds are long-lived and can breed into old age. □



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## Helping nature: Inducing labor avoids cesarean for some moms

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE  
AP Chief Medical Writer

Move over, Mother Nature. First-time moms at low risk of complications were less likely to need a cesarean delivery if labor was induced at 39 weeks instead of waiting for it to start on its own, a big study found. Their babies fared better, too.

The results overturn the longtime view that inducing labor raises the risk for a C-section, and prompted two leading OB-GYN doctor groups to say it's now reasonable to offer women like those in the study that option.

But only certain pregnant women qualify, and the study did not track how inducing labor affected breastfeeding or other mom-baby issues later. Some groups such as Lamaze International still advocate letting nature take its course rather than giving medicines to make the womb start contracting.

"Many women don't want all of the medical care that goes with induction" such as an IV and fetal monitoring, said Lisa Kane Low, past president of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and associate dean of the University of Michigan School of Nursing. "It can result in a very different type of experience."

Being induced doesn't mean moms can't have "natural childbirth" — they can forgo pain medicine or use a hospital's homelike birthing center rather than delivering in "an operating room in a sterile suite with a big light over your head," said the study leader, Dr. William Grobman, an OB-GYN specialist at Northwestern University in Chicago.



In this Aug. 7, 2018 photo, a doctor performs an ultrasound scan on a pregnant woman at a hospital in Chicago.

"Everyone has a different definition of what a natural birth is," said Dr. Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman of New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, which participated in the study.

"Some women feel that natural just means delivering vaginally" and more were able to do that when labor was induced, she said.

Results of the federally funded study were published Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine.

### ABOUT THE STUDY

About 40 percent of U.S. women giving birth are first-time moms, and at least half are low risk — no problems requiring early delivery or a cesarean. Many women ask to be induced now, to let them plan delivery and ensure their doctor is available, but the risks and benefits are unclear.

Previous studies suggesting that inducing labor raises the risk for a C-section were observational and

compared different types of women giving birth under different types of circumstances. This was the first very big experiment to time labor induction for 39 weeks — when a pregnancy is considered full term and complication rates are lowest.

More than 6,100 women at 41 hospitals were randomly placed in two groups: one had labor induced at 39 weeks; the other waited for labor to start on its own and were induced only if a problem developed or they hadn't delivered by 42 weeks.

### HOW MOMS AND BABIES FARED

Deaths and severe complications were fewer among babies of women who were induced — about 4 percent versus 5 percent in the other group — but the difference was so small it could have occurred by chance alone. Significantly fewer babies in the induced group needed breathing tubes or extra oxygen after birth, and they spent less

time in the hospital.

Nineteen percent of induced moms had a cesarean versus 22 percent of the others. Doctors estimate that one C-section would be avoided for every 28 women induced. Nine percent of induced women developed dangerous high blood pressure at the end of pregnancy versus 14 percent of the others. Study participants who were induced, such as Aleksa Owen, said they had less pain and felt more in control.

"I was pretty open to any kind of birth, whatever works to keep the baby safe and myself safe as well," said Owen, a 34-year-old graduate student from the Chicago suburb of Woodridge, Illinois. Her son was born in October 2016 and "I felt like I had a sense of control throughout the process."

### THE COST

It's not clear which option costs more; researchers plan to study that. Induced women spent more time in

the labor and delivery unit but went home sooner after birth. Insurers often pay a fixed rate for births, complicating cost comparisons.

The labor and delivery suite is one of the most expensive places in a hospital, said Dr. Nanette Santoro, OB-GYN chief at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. If all eligible moms decided to be induced, "I do not believe we would have the resources to accommodate them," but may have to adapt based on this study, she said.

### WHAT OTHERS THINK

Christen Sadler, a certified nurse-midwife and president-elect of Lamaze International, said other research suggests that "letting labor start on its own is almost always best for moms and babies" unless there's a problem that requires intervening.

Nan Strauss, policy chief for the advocacy group Every Mother Counts, agreed: "Inducing labor disrupts the complex hormonal processes that help labor progress, prepare the baby for birth, and promote successful breastfeeding and bonding."

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine says it's reasonable for doctors to offer labor induction "after discussing the options thoroughly" with first-time moms at low risk who had an ultrasound early in pregnancy to verify when they will reach 39 weeks.

Dr. Michael Greene of Massachusetts General Hospital noted that women in the study were younger than U.S. mothers on average and fewer were over 35, calling into question how generalizable the results are.

Still, the study "should reassure women that elective induction of labor at 39 weeks is a reasonable choice" that's unlikely to harm moms or babies, he wrote in a commentary in the journal. □

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## Soprano Gasdia reboots troubled Verona Arena opera festival

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

**VERONA, Italy (AP)** — The colossal Roman-era Verona Arena amphitheater remains an imposing presence in the northern Italian city's main piazza, but its place in the opera world has waned in recent years. The popular Verona Arena summer festival has lost both audience and prestige and nearly closed two seasons ago under a mountain of debt.

Now the artists and public who have sustained it are putting their hopes for a relaunch in the hands of a former opera singer who this year became the first to run an Italian lyric theater.

Soprano Cecilia Gasdia, a 57-year-old Verona native who has appeared on the Arena stage as an extra, a chorus member and a star, inherited a troubled festival that has struggled for years.



Italian baritone Leo Nucci, waves at the crowd after singing the title role in Rossini's "Barbiere di Siviglia" at Verona Arena, in Verona, Northern Italy, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018.

Associated Press

For her inaugural season as general manager, Gasdia has used her connections in the singing world to secure

top voices with the aim of boosting ticket sales in the 13,500-seat amphitheater, the biggest open-air opera

theater in the world, which in recent years has seen audiences plunge.

Her next goal: balancing

the budget.

With short notice, Gasdia booked Russian mezzo-soprano Anna Goryachova as Carmen opposite Arena newcomer American tenor Brian Jagde as Don Jose, sharing the role with Italian tenor Francesco Meli.

Gasdia also coaxed back Leo Nucci, one of Italy's most renowned baritones, who had announced last year at 75 he had sung his last aria in the Verona Arena, reprising one of his signature roles, "Il Barbiere di Siviglia (The Barber of Seville)."

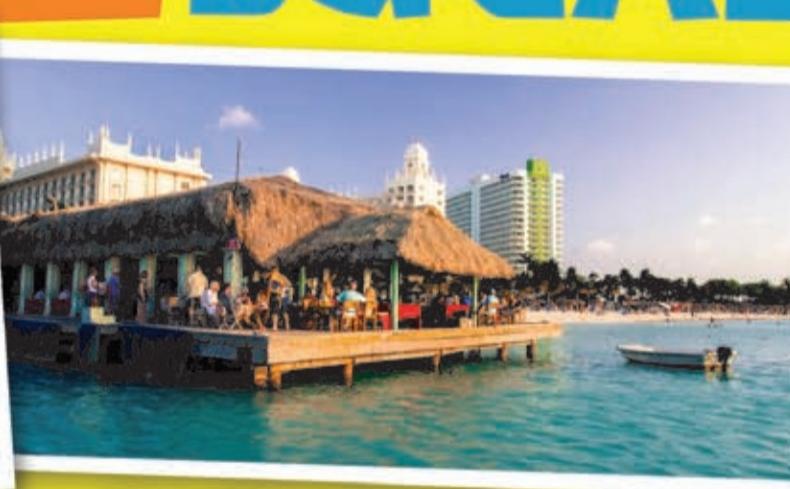
"We singers are a bit like sailors, we make worthless promises! But the reality is, that if it weren't for Cecilia Gasdia, with whom I sang 'Il Barbiere di Siviglia' in 1996, I wouldn't be here," Nucci said backstage at the Aug. 4 season premiere of that opera. "I did it because Cecilia convinced me." □

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# 'The Meg' chomps \$44.5M, 'BlacKkKlansman' opens strong

By JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Adding to Hollywood's sizzling summer, the shark thriller "The Meg" opened well above expectations with an estimated \$44.5 million in ticket sales, while Spike Lee had his best debut in a decade. "The Meg" had been forecast by some analysts for closer to half that total. An American-Chinese co-production between Warner Bros. and China's Gravity Pictures, it also debuted well overseas, taking in \$50.3 million in China and totaling \$96.8 million internationally, according to studio estimates Sunday.

With an international cast led by Jason Statham and featuring Li Bingbing, Rainn Wilson and Winston Chao, "The Meg" cost at least \$130 million to make. Following hits like "The Shallows" and "47 Meters Down," the shark movie — 43 years after Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" — has been showing surprising bite at the box office. Jeff Goldstein, distribution chief for



This file image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Jason Statham in a scene from the film, "The Meg."

Warner Bros., said late summer was ideal timing for "The Meg." "This was a fun, dumb popcorn movie that just looked interesting to the public everywhere around the world," Goldstein said. "We dug our heels in and said: This is the right time to go. The last movie, as kids

are going back to school, all the big blockbusters have played off. We're in a space by ourselves." Traditionally a sleepy time at the box office, August has helped cement a comeback summer for the movie business. Weekend business was up 25 percent from last

year, and the summer is up 11.3 percent, according to comScore. For Warner Bros., which on Wednesday will release the highly touted "Crazy Rich Asians," "The Meg" is the studio's best opening this year, besting even Spielberg's own "Ready Player One." □

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**THE MEG**  
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WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
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**JOHN DAVID WASHINGTON | ADAM DRIVER**

**BLACKKLANSMAN**  
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**TOM CRUISE | HENRY CAVILL**

**MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
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**MILA KUNIS | KATE MCKINNON**

**SPY WHO DUMPED ME**  
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**DWAYNE JOHNSON | NEVE CAMPBELL**

**SKYSCRAPER**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG-13]  
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**ADAM SANDLER | SELENA GOMEZ**

**HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3**  
WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES [PG]  
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SAT & SUN 2:20 | 4:30 | 6:40

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## 'The Bachelorette' and new fiancé ready to move forward



In this undated photo provided ABC, Becca Kufrin embraces Garrett Yrigoyen in an episode of the "The Bachelorette".

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By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — ABC's "Bachelorette" Becca Kufrin and her new fiance, Garrett Yrigoyen, hope to move forward after controversy.

Shortly after the season premiere, it was discov-

ered that Yrigoyen had liked Instagram posts that mocked transgender people, feminists and Parkland, Florida, shooting survivor David Hogg. He responded quickly by deleting the account and apologizing, describing the likes as "mindless taps." □

Yrigoyen, 29, said the hardest part was criticism that Kufrin received.

"He's one of the most open, supportive men to everyone he encounters and so to not have the world see that, and to say such terrible, negative things about his character was really hard. I knew that we would have this moment once we could finally be in public to address it," she said.

She chose Yrigoyen in Monday's finale over Blake Horstmann. Kufrin was first a contestant on "The Bachelor," where she got engaged to Arie Luyendyk Jr., only to have him dump her on camera for his runner-up, Lauren Burnham. She said her time on "The Bachelor" made her mindful of her suitors' feelings on "The Bachelorette." □

# Nobel Prize-winning author V.S. Naipaul dies at 85

By SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

**LONDON (AP)** — V.S. Naipaul, the Trinidad-born Nobel laureate whose celebrated writing and brittle, provocative personality drew admiration and revulsion in equal measures, died Saturday at his London home, his family said. He was 85.

His wife, Nadira Naipaul, said he was "a giant in all that he achieved and he died surrounded by those he loved having lived a life which was full of wonderful creativity and endeavor."

Naipaul was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001 "for having united perceptive narrative and incorruptible scrutiny in works that compel us to see the presence of suppressed histories."

In an extraordinary career spanning half a century, the writer traveled as a self-described "barefoot colonial" from rural Trinidad to upper class England, picked up the most coveted literary awards and a knighthood, and was hailed as one of the greatest English writers of the 20th century.

Naipaul's books explored colonialism and decolonization, exile and the struggles of the everyman in the developing world — themes that mirror his personal background and trajectory.

Although his writing was



This 2001 file photo shows British author V.S. Naipaul in Salisbury, England. Associated Press

widely praised for its compassion toward the destitute and the displaced, Naipaul himself offended many with his arrogant behavior and jokes about former subjects of the empire. Among his widely quoted comments: He called India a "slave society," quipped that Africa has no future, and explained that Indian women wear a colored dot on their foreheads to say "my head is empty." He laughed off the 1989 fatwa against Salman Rushdie as "an extreme form of literary criticism."

The critic Terry Eagleton once said of Naipaul: "Great art, dreadful politics." Caribbean Nobel

Laureate Derek Walcott complained that the author's prose was tainted by his "repulsion towards Negroes."

C. L. R. James, a fellow Trinidadian writer, put it differently: Naipaul's views, he wrote, simply reflected "what the whites want to say but dare not."

Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul — Vidia to those who knew him — was born on Aug. 17, 1932 in Trinidad, a descendant of impoverished Indians shipped to the West Indies as bonded laborers.

His father was an aspiring, self-taught novelist whose ambitions were killed by lack of opportunity; the son

was determined to leave his homeland as soon as he could. In later years, he would repeatedly reject his birthplace as little more than a plantation.

"I was born there, yes," he said of Trinidad to an interviewer in 1983. "I thought it was a great mistake."

In 1950, Naipaul was awarded one of a few available government scholarships to study in England, and he left his family to begin his studies in English literature at University College, Oxford.

There he met his first wife, Patricia Hale, whom he married in 1955 without telling his family.

After graduation, Naipaul

suffered a period of poverty and unemployment: he was asthmatic, starving and depending on his wife for income. Despite his Oxford education, he found himself surrounded by a hostile, xenophobic London.

"These people want to break my spirit ... They want me to know my place," he wrote bitterly to his wife.

Naipaul eventually landed a radio job working for BBC World Service, where he discussed West Indian literature and found his footing as a writer. His breakthrough came in 1957 with his first published novel "The Mystic Masseur," a humorous book about the lives of powerless people in a Trinidad ghetto. In 1961, Naipaul published "A House for Mr. Biswas," which was widely acclaimed as a masterpiece. That novel, about how one man's life was restricted by the limits of colonial society, was a tribute to Naipaul's father. In the years that followed, Naipaul was to travel for extensive periods to pen journalistic essays and travel books. He flew three times to India, his ancestral home, to write about its culture and politics. He spent time in Buenos Aires, Argentina to write about its former First Lady Eva Peron, and went to Iran, Pakistan and Indonesia for books about Islam. □

## Lucero's sound reflects polish of 20-year journey

By SCOTT STROUD, Associated Press

Lucero, "Among the Ghosts" (Liberty & Lament/Thirty Tigers)

Lucero has put out great records before, but for whatever reason — geography, confusion over genre, a lack of recognition from the folks who decide what gets heard — the Memphis-based quintet has never attained the level of stardom it probably deserves.

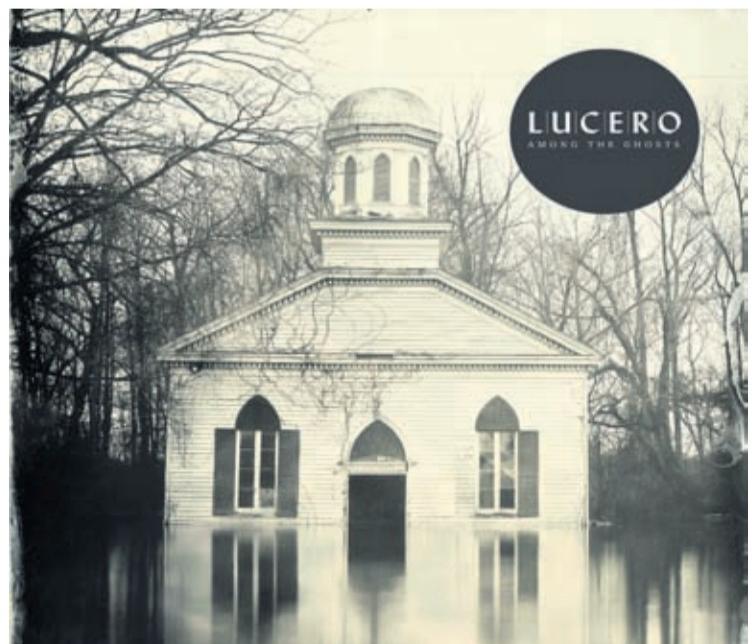
With "Among the Ghosts," its ninth studio album, a fine under-the-radar rock 'n' roll band keeps getting better. Its songs are better-

crafted, its lyrics and playing are more mature, and the rough-hewn sound that was always charming but rarely transcendent is as good as it has ever been. Gone are the piano and guitar licks that occasionally sounded too much like Bruce Springsteen, though he remains an obvious influence. Gone, too, are the petulant lyrics that sometimes stood between singer-songwriter Ben Nichols and greatness (a certain love song to his guitar comes to mind).

In their place are gritty meditations on homesick-

ness, poignant storytelling built around a Civil War soldier's letter home, and honest, heartfelt love songs. Nichols' maturity is obvious, though he's as vulnerable as ever. In the title cut, he pines from the road for his wife and baby girl, singing wistfully that "the first word she learned to say was goodbye."

The band's playing rises to the challenge such intimate lyrics pose. Rick Steff's piano is less derivative, a more subtle complement to the gritty guitar playing that still drives the band's sound. □



This cover image released by Liberty and Lament/Thirty Tigers shows "Among the Ghosts," a release by Lucero.

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# Tech giants still stumbling in the social world they created

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Who knew connecting the world could get so complicated? Perhaps some of technology's brightest minds should have seen that coming.

Social media bans of conspiracy theorist Alex Jones have thrust Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and others into a role they never wanted — as gatekeepers of discourse on their platforms, deciding what should and shouldn't be allowed and often angering almost everyone in the process. Jones, a right-wing provocateur, suddenly found himself banned from most major social platforms this week, after years in which he was free to use them to promulgate a variety of false claims.

Twitter, which one of its executives once called the "free speech wing of the free speech party," remains a lonely holdout on Jones. The resulting backlash suggests that no matter what the tech companies do, "there is no way they can please everyone," as Scott Shackelford, a business law and ethics professor at Indiana University, observed.

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, Twitter's Jack Dorsey and crew, and Google's stewards of YouTube gave little thought to such consequences as they built their empires with lofty goals to connect the world and democratize discourse. At the time, they were the rebels aiming to bypass the stodgy old gatekeepers — newspaper editors, television programmers and other establishment types — and let people talk directly to one another.

"If you go back a decade or so, the whole idea of speech on social media was seen as highly positive light," said Tim Cigelske, who teaches social media at Marquette University in Wisconsin. There was the Arab Spring. There were stories of gay, lesbian and transgender teens from small towns finding support online.

At the same time, of course, the companies were rac-



This photo combo of images shows, clockwise, from upper left: a Google sign, and apps for Twitter, Spotify and Facebook. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Spotify and other sites are finding themselves in a role they never wanted, as gatekeepers of discourse on their platforms, deciding what should and shouldn't be allowed and often angering almost everyone in the process.

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ing to build the largest audiences possible, slice and dice their user data and make big profits by turning that information into lucrative targeted advertisements.

The dark side of untrammeled discourse, the thinking went, would sort itself out as online communities moderated themselves, aided by fast-evolving computer algorithms and, eventually, artificial intelligence.

"They scaled, they built, they wanted to drive revenue as well as user base,"

said technology analyst Tim Bajarin, president of consultancy Creative Strategies. "That was priority one and controlling content was priority two. It should have been the other way around."

That all got dicier once the election of President Donald Trump focused new attention on fake news and organized misinformation campaigns — not to mention the fact that some of the people grabbing these new social-media megaphones were wild conspiracy theorists who falsely

call mass shootings hoaxes, white nationalists who organize violent rallies and men who threaten women with rape and murder.

While the platforms may not have anticipated the influx of hate speech and meddling from foreign powers like Russia, North Korea and China, Bajarin said, they should have acted more quickly once they found it. "The fact is we're dealing with a brave new world that they've allowed to happen, and they need to take more control to keep it from spreading."



In this April 19, 2017, file photo, Alex Jones, a right-wing radio host and conspiracy theorist, arrives at the courthouse in Austin, Texas.

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he said.

That's easier said than done, of course. But it's particularly difficult for huge tech companies to balance public goods such free speech with the need to protect their users from harassment, abuse, fake news and manipulation. Especially given that their business models require them to alienate as few of their users as possible, lest they put the flood of advertising money at risk.

"Trying to piece together a framework for speech that works for everyone — and making sure we effectively enforce that framework — is challenging," wrote Richard Allan, Facebook's vice president of policy, in a blog post Thursday. "Every policy we have is grounded

in three core principles: giving people a voice, keeping people safe, and treating people equitably. The frustrations we hear about our policies — outside and internally as well — come from the inevitable tension between these three principles."

Such tensions force some of the largest corporations in the world to decide, for instance, if banning Nazis also means banning white nationalists — and to figure out how to tell them apart if not. Or whether kicking off Jones means they need to ban all purveyors of false conspiracy theories. Or whether racist comments should be allowed if they are posted, to make a point, by the people who received them.

"I don't think the platforms in their heart of hearts would like to keep Alex Jones on," said Nathaniel Persily, a professor at Stanford Law School. "But it's difficult to come up with a principle to say why Alex Jones and not others would be removed."

While most companies have policies against "hate speech," defining what constitutes hate speech can be difficult, he added. Even governments have trouble with it. One country's free speech is another country's hate speech, punishable by jail time. □